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TO THE

DEVOUT READER.

THOUGH there are a great many books upon this ſubject of acknowledged merit already extant, yet I thought the following Manual, which fell into my hands, and which has been in its original form, as far as I can find, out of print for near a century, too valuable to be buried in oblivion. I have therefore humbly preſumed to offer it again for the public inſpection, not from an opi-

nion of its being ſuperior to thoſe I have hitherto ſeen; but from a perſuaſion, that it would meet with a kind reception amongſt pious perſons, being well fitted for plain, uninſtructed minds, and containing a great variety of Prayers for Private Families, which breathe the true ſpirit of genuine and rational devotion. And to render it more uſeful, I have carefully reviſed and corrected the whole, and to the Second Part have added a collection of Prayers on Ordinary and Extraordinary Occaſions, ſelected from the moſt eminent divines, which may, I think, with propriety and advantage be uſed by the head of a family, when a clergyman from his local diſtance cannot conveniently be obtained, and which I flatter myſelf will be an additional recommenda-

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tion of it to all ſober and devout perſons, and eſpecially to thoſe who are of the communion of the church of England. That we are indiſpenſably obliged to the exerciſe of public and private prayer needs no other proof than this, that God Almighty has in various paſſages of his holy word ſtrictly charged it upon us. We are therefore wilful tranſgreſſors of his righteous laws, and have no inward principle of goodneſs or holineſs in our hearts, if we do not live in the practice of it, and conſequently can have no reaſonable grounds to expect or hope for ſalvation, if we die in ſuch an irreligious condition. The exhortation therefore of the author was good and chriſtian-like, which he made uſe of in the words of a moſt reverend divine [Dr. Sharp, the

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then Archbiſhop of York] "Above all "things live in the practice of this duty; "never forget your prayers: But pray "to God in private, and pray to God "with your families. And let us join, "as oft as we can, with the prayers of "the public aſſemblies. This, I am ſure, "is the beſt method we can take for the "reforming of our lives, and for grow-"ing in all virtue and goodneſs. And "the more we practice it, the better we "ſhall like it. And if we perſevere there-"in, we ſhall find the comfort of it, both "in the grace and aſſiſtance we ſhall re-"ceive from the Holy Spirit to conquer "our corruptions and luſts, and in the "bleſſings we ſhall procure from God "both to ourſelves and families, and all "our affairs and concerns; and alſo in

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" the everlaſting ſalvation of our ſouls in " the day of the Lord Jeſus."

That the conſideration of theſe things may influence every parent and maſter of a family to introduce and continue in their houſes the daily exerciſe of this their moſt bounden duty, and alſo perſuade them zealouſly to ſtudy and endeavour for the attainment of what they beſeech God to beſtow upon them, is the hearty wiſh and ardent prayer of the Editor.

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THE FIRST PART,

Containing diverſe Forms of Prayer for Private Families for every Day in the Week both Morning and Evening.

A Morning Prayer for the Lord's Day.

HOLY, Holy, Holy Lord God of Sabbaoth, thou art and waſt and art to come, the great Creator and only preſerver of all the creatures that live and move and have their being. Thy name is excellent in all the earth, and thy glory exalted above the heavens: What then is man, that thou art mindful of him, or the ſons of men, that thou ſo regardeſt them? We are very ſenſible, O moſt high God, that all the acts and duties of religion, which we are able to perform, can be no advan-

tage to thee, nor any addition to thine eternal bleſſedneſs. But it is of thine abundant goodneſs and compaſſion, that thou haſt made it our duty to do thee ſervice, and to wait upon thee in thy ſacred ordinances. In obedience therefore to thy will, and through the merits and interceſſion of Jeſus Chriſt, we humbly preſume to approach thy divine Majeſty, earneſtly beſeeching thee to ſhed abroad thy love in our hearts, and to awaken all the powers of our ſouls to call upon thy name, and to offer up unto thee a ſacrifice of praiſe and thankſgiving for the manifold and great mercies which thou haſt beſtowed upon us. We are ſenſible, O Lord, that thou art kind and bountiful, infinitely beyond our deſerts; for we are by nature ſinful, and by practice ſinners: We have juſtly deſerved thine eternal wrath, and yet thou ſurroundeſt us with mercies, and art continually giving us freſh inſtances of thy loving kindneſs. Such is thine unſpeakable goodneſs, that thou doſt not diſdain to beſtow the precious gifts of thy grace and ſpirit upon us ſinners, who are unworthy of the leaſt of all thy mercies. We bleſs and praiſe thee, O gracious Father, for this thy wonderful love,

love, in ſending thy Son Jeſus Chriſt into the world to ſave ſinners; we thank thee for the happy terms of the covenant of grace; for the reaſonable and eaſy conditions upon which thou haſt offered life and ſalvation to all the world. We adore thine eternal goodneſs, that thou haſt requir'd nothing of us, but what is for our intereſt here, as well as for our everlaſting welfare hereafter. O that it were in our power to make ſome ſuitable returns, for this great love of thine, which ſurpaſſeth not only our thanks, but our very knowledge too! O that our ways were made ſo direct, that our whole lives might be one continued act of thankfulneſs and obedience! We are ſenſible, O Lord, that thou art worthy to receive all honour and glory, and praiſe for ever and ever; for thou art perfectly holy, and juſt and good. May the conſideration then of this thy goodneſs and love, oblige us all to conſecrate the remainder of our lives to thy love and ſervice. And to this end we pray thee to pour down thy grace into our hearts, and to give us ſuch a juſt and tender ſenſe of our duty, that we may perfect holineſs in thy fear, and make the care of our ſouls the greateſt concern

of our whole lives; that whenever it ſhall pleaſe thee to take us out of this world, we may be happy in the next. With us, we pray thee, to be merciful to all men, and give them grace truly to repent of all their ſins, that they may receive forgiveneſs of the ſame, and an inheritance amongſt them that are ſanctified. In a more particular manner, we pray thee to be gracious to every member of the Chriſtian Church; bleſs eſpecially that part of it in theſe nations to which we belong; unite the breaches, and make up the unhappy differences that are amongſt us; and grant, that the unity of the ſpirit may be kept in the bond of peace, and in righteouſneſs of life. To this end we pray thee to pour down the choiceſt and the chiefeſt of thy bleſſings upon the head and heart of thy ſervant, our moſt gracious Sovereign Lord, King GEORGE; counſel his counſellors, and teach his ſenators wiſdom: Give to every public perſon a public ſpirit; and grant, that all orders and degrees of men amongſt us, from the higheſt to the loweſt, may in their different capacities live in an exact conformity to the rules of our moſt holy religion. And for the ſpiri-

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tual good of all men, we pray thee to bleſs with a double portion of thy heavenly grace, thoſe to whom thou haſt committed the care of ſouls, that they may be ſuch diligent watchmen, as to diſcharge with wiſdom and fidelity the office that is intruſted to them. And grant, we beſeech thee, that their pious labours may be followed with ſuch a happy ſucceſs, as that they may ſave themſelves, and them that hear them. Laſtly, we come to thee for a bleſſing upon ourſelves, humbly beſeeching thee, for Chriſt Jeſus' ſake, to remove from us all irreverence, diſtraction, dulneſs and prejudice in the hearing of thy word, and to make us careful in the faithful diſcharge of all thoſe public and private duties which concern the ſanctification of this thy holy day. And keep us not only now, but in the whole courſe of our lives, in thy faith and fear, that whenever it ſhall pleaſe thee to take us out of this world, we may be made everlaſtingly happy in the next. Theſe things we beg of thee, with every thing elſe that thou ſeeſt to be needful for us, for the ſake and merits of thy ſon, our Saviour, Jeſus Chriſt: In whoſe name and prevailing words we humbly ſum up theſe

our imperfect prayers, as he himself hath taught us, saying, *Our Father which art in heaven; hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliever us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, for ever and ever.*—Amen.

An Evening Prayer for the Lord's Day.

GLORIOUS Jehovah, thou art infinitely above the praise of angels, much more of such sinful creatures as we are; far be it from us to think, that thou needest any thing that we can do, or that the best of our service can be any addition to thine eternal blessedness: We are sensible, O God, that it is not our merits, but thy own free grace and mercy, that have advanced us to this honour of approaching, thee. And we most humbly beseech thee, that as thou hast made this to be our duty, thou wouldst so assist us by thine invisible aid,

aid, that we may offer up an evening ſacrifice of prayer and of praiſe acceptable unto thee thro' Jeſus Chriſt.

Thou, and thou alone, art God, the immortal and inviſible ſpirit, the great creator and only preſerver of all the creatures that live, and move, and have their being, and thy mercy is over all thy works. When man, whom thou hadſt created after thy own image, and furniſhed with all things neceſſary for thy ſervice, and obliged by abundance of bleſſings, fell from his innocency, and became juſtly liable to thine eternal wrath, even then thou hadſt pity upon him, and with the ſentence of death didſt join the promiſe of a Redeemer, who in the fulneſs of time, came into the world, and took upon him our nature, and in that nature converſed with men, to make known unto them thee, the inviſible God, and the unſeen things of the world above, and at laſt died upon the croſs for the ſalvation of ſinners; by which he hath procured for mankind a covenant of grace, and ſealed it as his teſtament with his precious blood. O that men would praiſe the Lord for his goodneſs, and for his wonderful works towards the chil-

dren of men! It was thy own love to the world, O Father of mercies, which gave us thine only-begotten Son Jeſus Chriſt, that whoſoever believeth in him might not periſh, but have everlaſting life. And that nothing might be wanting to reconcile us unto thee, thou haſt alſo ordained a ſtanding order of men to be thy miniſters; and to them thou haſt committed the word of reconciliation, to beſeech ſinners, in thy name, and to beg of them in Chriſt's ſtead, to be reconciled unto thee. Let the conſideration of this thy great goodneſs and love effectually move us to amend our lives. Let thy kindneſs and the benefits of thy Son's paſſion, death, and reſurrection appear to us in ſuch an engaging manner, as that we may long to be filled with all the fulneſs of God. Implant in us ſuch an ardent deſire to obſerve the wiſe inſtructions of thy word, to treaſure them up in our hearts, and frequently to meditate upon them, as that our whole lives for the future may be regulated according to thy divine will. And o this end, O bleſſed Jeſus, who didſt come ato the world to ſave ſinners, pour upon

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us ſuch a meaſure of thy grace, as that we may manfully reſiſt every wicked temptation, and joyfully live in the practice of holineſs, and ſo be qualified for the everlaſting enjoyment of the heavenly glory. Let the contemplation on that happy ſtate quicken our diligence: Let us conſider that the time is near, in which we muſt leave this preſent world; that it is but a ſhort ſpace, before theſe bodies of ours will be turned into duſt, and our ſouls tranſlated to the world of ſpirits. Let us therefore ſo live now, as then we ſhall wiſh that we had done; let us ſo live now, as that after death we may live with Chriſt in heaven, in whoſe preſence is fulneſs of joy, and at whoſe right hand are pleaſures for evermore.

O bleſſed God, how extremely raviſhing are the very thoughts of thy heavenly glory! We are fully perſuaded, that it infinitely exceeds all earthly enjoyments. That there is nothing in this mortal ſtate, that is worthy to be compared with thoſe ſtreams of light and love which flow from thy immediate preſence upon every glorified ſoul in heaven. That that eternal ſabbath, that everlaſting reſt to which we

aſpire, and which we hope to enjoy, will as much excel this which we now keep, as that triumphant city of thine doth excel this imperfect and diſcompoſed church which is here upon earth.

Quicken, Lord, our longings for that bleſſed ſtate; inflame our deſires for the coming of that happy day; O come, Lord Jeſus, come quickly, and fulfil thy word, that we may be with thee where thou art, to behold thy glory.

And as we do pray for our own ſalvation, ſo we humbly beſeech thee for the whole race of mankind. Let thy ways be known upon earth, and thy ſaving health amongſt all nations, that all the world may acknowledge and worſhip thee the father everlaſting, and believe in thine eternal Son Jeſus Chriſt, and be bleſſed with the ſweet and comfortable influence of thy ſacred ſpirit. Grant that all the proud, the worldly, and the ſenſual, may renounce their deceits, and walk humbly and holily before thee. Let all atheiſtical and prophane perſons be convinced of their folly, and be no more ſo unwiſe as to fight againſt thee their maker. Have compaſſion upon all the ignorant and unreformed churches

churches in the world. Deliver them, we pray thee, from the Turkiſh and Popiſh tyranny, which keep out the means of knowledge and reformation; and reſtore them to that primitive purity, ſimplicity, and unity, that their light may ſhine forth, to the converſion of the heathen and infidel world, whom now their pollutions do drive from Chriſt. Preſerve and repair the churches that are reformed, and bleſs them with the increaſe of knowledge, and holineſs, and peace, and love. Particularly we pray thee to be gracious to that part of thy church in theſe nations to which we belong; cleanſe it perfectly from error, and hereſy, and ſchiſm, from ſuperſtition and prophaneneſs, and whatever elſe is diſpleaſing to thee.

To this end we pray thee to bleſs the King, and all that are put in authority under him, with ſuch wiſdom, juſtice, and holineſs, as is needful to their own ſalvation, and the peace and welfare of theſe kingdoms. And keep all his ſubjects in the ſincere practice of their duty towards thee their God, and in a peaceable ſubmiſſion to thy vice-gerent the King, and in brotherly love and charity one towards

another; that ſo we may live a quiet and a peaceable life in all godlineſs and honeſty. Send down upon our Biſhops and Curates, and all Congregations committed to their charge, the healthful ſpirit of thy grace; and that they may truly pleaſe thee, pour upon them the continual dew of thy bleſſing; and let not the malice of ſatan, or the ſacrilege of men, hinder the ſucceſs of their faithful labours.

Bleſs the means of grace which have this day been uſed in any church throughout all the world, and thoſe in particular which we have enjoyed; grant, we pray thee, that it may accompliſh in us all the good purpoſes for which thine ordinances were deſign'd, and pardon the imperfections of our religious performances. Protect us this night from all evil, bodily and ſpiritual; give us quiet and refreſhing reſt and ſleep; and, if it be thy good pleaſure to add another day to our lives, grant that we may ſpend it to thy glory, and the good of our own ſouls. Hear us, O Lord, in theſe our humble petitions; and grant, that thoſe things which we have faithfully aſked, according to thy will, may effectually be obtaind,

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to the relief of our neceſſities, and to the ſetting forth of thy glory, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord; who, in compaſſion to our infirmities, has taught us thus to pray, Our Father, &c.

Another Morning Prayer for the Lord's Day.

O Bleſſed Lord, who, after thou hadſt finiſhed thy wonderful works, didſt reſt in the contemplation and approbation of them; and in remembrance of thy great goodneſs and power in framing the world, and that vaſt variety of creatures that live and move, and are therein, haſt been pleaſed to ſet apart a day of holy reſt, for us mortals, to meditate upon thy glorious actions in making us at firſt, and redeeming us afterwards, when by ſin and wickedneſs we were juſtly liable to thine eternal wrath; we pray thee to ſanctify our hearts, that we may ſanctify this day, and give to every one of us ſuch a portion of thy divine grace and aſſiſtance, that we may per-

form the duties of our ſeveral ſtations, to thy glory, and to our everlaſting comfort. Let none of us diſturb our minds in a needleſs diſputing about the forms of religion, but let us heartily and in a devout manner, both now and all the days of our lives apply ourſelves to the ſubſtance of thy worſhip; and let us be always careful to cloath our devotion with ſuch circumſtances of perſon, time, place, and reverence, as the ſcripture and right reaſon direct us. To this end we pray thee to eſtabliſh us with thy free ſpirit, and to beſtow upon us that divine and heavenly wiſdom, whereby we ſhall be taught what it is to be chriſtians indeed, and effectually be diſpoſed to live holy and religious lives. Arm us, we pray thee, with arguments that are ſufficient to beat down all our carnal intereſts; and furniſh us with motives that may be ſtrong enough to fruſtrate and break thro' all the temptations of the devil, the world, and the fleſh. Convince us thoroughly, O bleſſed Jeſus, that to follow thee is our greateſt intereſt, and to reſiſt thoſe adverſaries is our greateſt ſafety. Teach us, O Lord, to look upon ſin as the greateſt of evils that ſo we may hate it:

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And let heaven and thy love be repreſented to us in ſuch true and lively colours, that neither life nor death, neither good report nor evil report may ſeparate us from thy love, but that all our thoughts and words and works may be regulated by thy divine will.

And as thou haſt ſanctified this day to be a repreſentation of the heavenly and eternal ſabbath, and haſt appointed it to be ſpent in holy and religious actions, as a means to qualify us for the enjoyment of that everlaſting reſt, grant, we pray thee, that we may not only refrain from our worldly employments, and break off for a time from our ſecular cares, or pleaſure, or profit; but be careful and diligent in the practice of holineſs both in private and in public: Let this day and the duties of it be a delight unto us, and let us be particularly careful to make timely approaches to thy houſe of prayer, that there we may, to our everlaſting advantage, adore thy divine Majeſty, admire thy wiſdom, and love thy goodneſs. Give to every one of us ſuch a meaſure of thy grace, that we joining in the congregation

gation of the ſaints, may pray to thee, and bleſs thy holy name in a zealous and acceptable manner; and let us conſult thine oracles, and attend upon thy miniſters not as nice cenſurers, but as practical profeſſors.

Neither do we pray for ourſelves alone, but for the whole race of mankind, that all *jews*, *turks*, *infidels*, *and hereticks*, may be converted from the errors and miſtakes of their different ways, and be all brought home to the knowledge of the truth. Bleſs eſpecially thy holy church; preſerve it in purity, unite its breaches, and enlarge its borders; particularly be gracious to that part of it in theſe nations to which we belong. And moſt heartily we beſeech thee to behold with thy favour our moſt gracious Sovereign Lord, King GEORGE, and ſo repleniſh him with the grace of thy holy ſpirit, that he may alway incline to thy will and walk in thy ways: Bleſs, we humbly beſeech thee, his royal conſort, our gracious Queen CHARLOTTE; his royal highneſs GEORGE, Prince of Wales, and all the royal family: endue them with thy holy

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ſpirit; enrich them with thy heavenly grace; proſper them with all happineſs; and bring them to thine everlaſting kingdom.

Be merciful, we pray thee, to all our relations, friends, and acquaintance; bountifully reward all thoſe from whom we have received any good, and graciouſly pardon every one that hath done or wiſhed us any evil. Protect and comfort the fatherleſs and widows; heal the ſick, ſupport the weak, and be a God of pity and compaſſion to all thoſe that are in any kind of want or affliction; ſanctify their ſufferings to them; ſupport them with faith and patience under their miſeries, and at laſt ſend them a happy deliverance out of all their troubles. Theſe things we beg of thee, with every thing elſe that thou ſeeſt to be needful for us, or any of thy people, throughout the world, for the ſake and merits of thy ſon our Saviour Jeſus Chriſt; who, in compaſſion to our infirmities, hath taught us thus to pray: *Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven; Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our treſpaſſes, as we forgive*

forgive them that treſpaſs againſt us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the Power, and the glory, for ever and ever.— Amen.

Another Evening Prayer for the Lord's Day.

PRevent us, O Lord, in all our doings with thy moſt gracious favour, and further us with thy continual help, that in all our works begun, continued and ended in thee, we may glorify thy holy name, and finally by thy mercy obtain everlaſting life, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. In whoſe name, and upon whoſe account, we do moſt humbly and earneſtly beg thee pardon and forgiveneſs of all our ſins, which (with ſhame and ſorrow we confeſs it) are very many and very great. We have daily been adding actual tranſgreſſion to our original guilt; we have ſinned even againſt the cleareſt knowledge and conviction of our own minds; and the

the very beſt of our religious performances have been extremely imperfect. And this very day which thou haſt appropriated to thy ſelf for holy and religious uſes, we have alas! too often moſt grievouſly miſſpent: Lord, what ſhall we ſay, or how ſhall we lift up our faces before thee, ſeeing we have lived ſuch unholy lives? We know, that the wages of ſin is eternal death: But O thou, that willeſt not the death of a ſinner, have mercy upon us. For Chriſt's ſake, forgive us all that is paſt, and enable us by thy grace to live wiſer and better for the time to come. We are heartily ſorry for our miſdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us; the burthen of them is intolerable: Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy upon us; and according to the multitude of thy compaſſions blot out all our iniquities. Create in us, we pray thee, a clean heart, and renew a right ſpirit within us; cauſe us to love thy law, and to hate every falſe way. Take us, we pray thee, for thine own children by adoption; ſupply all our defects, ſanctify and exalt our ſouls to ſuch a degree of virtue and goodneſs, as that we may

may ever hereafter ſerve and pleaſe thee in newneſs and holineſs of life; ſo that, when ever it ſhall pleaſe thee to take us out of this world, we may be made everlaſtingly happy with thy ſelf in thy heavenly glory.

And as we pray for the ſalvation of our own ſouls, ſo likewiſe we humbly beſeech thy divine Majeſty, through the interceſſion of our Lord Jeſus Chriſt, to hear the petitions and good wiſhes of all thoſe that have at any time prayed for us: And we do earneſtly beg of thee, to look down in much pity and compaſſion upon all ſuch as either need or deſire our interceſſions for them. Relieve the neceſſities, and remove the diſtreſſes of all our friends and relations, and of every one elſe that has done good to us, or to any other perſons, for thy ſake. We do earneſtly pray thee to aſſiſt them by thy grace, to comfort them in their troubles, protect them in their dangers, deliver them from temporal puniſhments, and from eternal death; that they may magnify thy good providence, and with thankful hearts rejoice in thy mercy for ever.

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In a more particular manner we beſeech thee, O Lord, to accept of our moſt hearty prayers and peace offerings for all thoſe that have injured us either in word or deed; for all thoſe that have given us any diſturbance by oppreſſion or ill treatment; for all thoſe that have ſlandered us, or reviled us with baſe language; and for all thoſe that have given us any manner of uneaſineſs or angry reſentment. In like manner we do moſt earneſtly beg of thee to be gracious and compaſſionate to all ſuch perſons as we have injured, grieved, or offended, by word or deed, knowingly or ignorantly, with or without deſign; and forgive us, O Lord God, all that hath been done or taken amiſs on either ſide. Have mercy, we pray thee, upon all thoſe who ſue to thee for mercy; ſupply the wants of all that are in need, and grant unto us and to all mankind ſuch meaſures of thy grace, and ſuch firm perſeverance in it, that we may grow up to the greateſt perfection in goodneſs of which this mortal life is capable. Grant that all thoſe who confeſs thy holy name, may agree in the truth of thy holy word, and live in unity, and godly love.

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Look in mercy upon that part of thy church in these nations to which we belong; forgive our crying sins, and keep us from those terrible judgments which we justly deserve. Bless us, we beseech thee, with a lasting continuance of thy holy ordinances, and let the administration of them be attended with such good success, as that piety and righteousness and charity and sobriety may flourish in these kingdoms as long as the world endureth. Be gracious, we pray thee, to our sovereign Lord the King, and to all subordinate magistrates; bless all orders and degrees of men amongst us; and for the spiritual good of all, bless those to whom thou hast committed the care of souls, grant that they may make this care the greatest concern of their whole lives. Let the sacred ordinances which they have this day celebrated, be for the everlasting advantage of themselves and all the assemblies in which they performed them. Particularly, we pray thee, that those exercises of religion which we have joined in, may be followed with the powerful influence of thy holy spirit, that we may be effectually cleansed from all

unrighteouſneſs. Grant us thy gracious protection this night; let our reſt be peaceable, refreſhing, and comfortable. Theſe things we moſt earneſtly beg of thee, with every thing elſe that thou ſeeſt to be needful for us, for the ſake and merits of thy ſon, our Lord Jeſus Chriſt: In whoſe name and prevailing words we deſire to conclude theſe our imperfect addreſſes, ſaying, Our Father, &c.

Another Morning Prayer for the Lord's-Day.

MOST Great and Gracious Jehovah, how boundleſs is thy loving kindneſs towards us, that while angels and perfect ſpirits are praiſing thee in the preſence of thy glory, thou haſt allowed us to take our part in the preſence of thy grace: That we have thee the ſame moſt holy God to praiſe, and though we ſee thee not, our head and ſaviour ſeeth thee, and we ourſelves may diſcern thee by faith both in thy word and works:

works: That though we are ſinners and unworthy to approach thy divine holineſs and purity, yet that we have a great high prieſt with thee, who was ſeparated from ſinners, holy, harmleſs, and undefiled, who appeareth for us in the merits of his ſpotleſs life and all-ſufficient ſacrifice, and by whoſe interceſſion alone we dare preſume to preſent either ourſelves or our ſervice to thee. And that thou, O Lord, haſt ordained this day of holy reſt as a reſemblance of the heavenly ſabbath, and as a means of arriving to that everlaſting reſt which is kept by the triumphant church, to which we aſpire, and which we hope at laſt to obtain. Thou didſt accept their imperfect performances here upon earth, before they celebrated thy praiſe in heavenly glory: Accept ours alſo, O moſt merciful God, through the ſame Mediator.

Glory be to thee, O Lord, in the higheſt; on earth, peace, good-will towards men. Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, who waſt and art, and art to come, eternal, without beginning or end; immenſe, without all bounds or meaſure; the incomprehenſible ſpirit, father, ſon, and

and holy ghoſt; who art infinite life, underſtanding and will; infinitely powerful, wiſe and good. Of thee, O Lord, and thro' thee and to thee are all things. To thee be glory for evermore. All thy works declare thy glory, for thy glorious perfections appear on all; and for thy glory and the pleaſures of thy holy will, thou didſt create them. The heavens and all the hoſts thereof; the earth and all that dwell thereon, with all its ſweet and beauteous ornaments; the air and all its motions and productions; the ſea and all that ſwim therein, are all the preachers of thy praiſe, and ſhew forth their great creator's glory. O how great is that power of thine which made ſo great a world out of nothing; how glorious is that wiſdom of thine which ordereth all things, and aſſigneth to all, their place and office, and by the moſt perfect laws maintaineth the beauty and harmony of all; and how glorious is that goodneſs and love of thine, which made all things good and very good! We praiſe and glorify thee, our Lord and Owner; for we and all things are thine. We praiſe and glorify thee, our king and ruler; for

we are thy ſubjects, and our perfect obedience is due to thee. Juſt are all thy laws and judgments; true and ſure is thy word. We praiſe and glorify thee, our great benefactor; in thee it is that we live, and move, and have our being. All the good that we *have*, or *can*, or *do* enjoy, is wholly from thee; for *thou* art the cauſe of all; and all is for thee, for *thou* art our end. To love thee ſincerely is our greateſt duty and our greateſt felicity; for *thou* art love itſelf, and infinitely deſirable.

When man by ſin turned away his heart from thee; believed the tempter againſt thy truth; obeyed his ſenſes againſt thy authority and wiſdom, and forſaking thy fatherly love and goodneſs, became an idol to himſelf, thou didſt not uſe him according to his deſerts: When we forſook *thee*, thou didſt not utterly forſake *us*: When we had loſt ourſelves, and by ſin became thine enemies, and were condemned by thy law, even then thy mercy pitied us, and gave us the promiſe of a redeemer, who in the fulneſs of time aſſumed our nature, fulfilled thy law, and ſuffered for our ſins, and conquering death roſe again, aſcended

aſcended into heaven, and is there our glorified head, and gracious interceſſor. Him thou haſt exalted to be a prince and a ſaviour, to give us repentance and remiſſion of ſins. In him thou haſt given pardon and juſtification, reconciliation and adoption, by a covenant of grace, to every penitent believer. Of enemies and heirs of death, thou haſt made us ſons and heirs of life. For this we praiſe thee; for this we glorify thee, O merciful God and gracious Redeemer. Our ſouls have now refuge from thy avenging wrath; thy promiſe is ſure; ſatan and the world and death are overcome. Our Lord is riſen, is riſen indeed, and we ſhall riſe thro' him. *O death, where then is thy ſting! O grave, where is thy victory!* Our Saviour is aſcended to his father and our father, to his God and our God, and we alſo ſhall aſcend. To his hands we may joyfully commit our departing ſouls; our head is glorified, and it is his will and promiſe, that we ſhould be with him to ſee his glory: He hath ſealed us thereunto by his ſpirit. We were dead in ſin, and he hath quickened us; we were dark in ignorance and unbelief, and he hath enlightened us;

we were unholy and carnal, ſold under ſin, and he hath ſanctified our wills, and killed our concupiſcence. For this we praiſe and glorify thee, thou Spirit of life, with the Father and the Son, from whom thou art ſent, to be life and light and love to our dead and dark and diſaffected ſouls. We are created and redeemed and ſanctified for thy holy love and praiſe and ſervice: O let this be the very nature of our ſouls, and the employment and pleaſure of all our lives. Perfect, we pray thee, thy weak and feeble graces in us, that our love and praiſe may be more perfect. We thank thee, O God, for thy precious word and ſacred ordinances; for the comfort of the holy aſſemblies and communion of the ſaints, and for the mercy of this thy holy day: But let not our praiſe be confined to thy ſabbaths alone, but let it be both the work and pleaſure of all our lives; that we may be made conformable to heaven, in glorifying thy holy name, in advancing thy kingdom, and in doing thy moſt juſt and holy will. Let thy way be known upon earth, and thy ſaving health amongſt all nations. Let the people praiſe thee,

O God,

O God, yea, let all the people praiſe thee! Give thy Son to the heathen for his inheritance, and let his goſpel enlighten the dark corners of the world. Let every knee bow to him, and every tongue confeſs that he is Chriſt, to their ſalvation and thy glory. Provide and ſend forth the meſſengers of thy grace thro' all the earth. Deliver all the churches from ſin, diviſion and oppreſſion. Let thy holy word and worſhip continue in theſe kingdoms as long as the world endureth. Bleſs the King, and all that are put in authority under him, with that wiſdom and juſtice and holineſs, which is needful for his own, and his ſubjects ſafety, peace and welfare. Let every congregation amongſt us be as burning and ſhining lights, that the ignorant and ungodly periſh not for want of teaching and exhortation. And open men's hearts to receive thy word, cauſing them to know the day of their viſitation. Be merciful, O God, to the afflicted in ſickneſs, dangers, wants or ſorrows, according to thy goodneſs and their neceſſities. And let all the prayers and praiſes of the faithful throughout the world, that are or ſhall be preſented unto

thee in the name of our common mediator, be graciouſly received, notwithſtanding the many imperfections and blemiſhes that are in them, and the cenſures, diviſions and injuries, which Chriſtians in their frowardneſs are guilty of againſt each other. And finally prepare us all for that world of peace, where the harmony of univerſal love and praiſe ſhall never be interrupted, but be everlaſtingly perfect to our joy and to thy glory, thro' our glorified Mediator, who hath taught us, when we pray, to ſay, *Our Father which art in Heaven, hallowed be thy Name; thy Kingdom come; thy Will be done in Earth, as it is in Heaven. Give us this Day our daily Bread; and forgive us our Treſpaſſes, as we forgive them that treſpaſs againſt us. And lead us not into Temptation, but deliver us from Evil For thine is the Kingdom and the Power and the Glory, for ever and ever.* Amen.

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Another Evening Prayer for the Lord's Day.

O Moſt merciful and gracious God, thou art good unto all, and thy tender compaſſion is over all thy works: Thou delighteſt not in the condemnation of ſinners, but willeſt rather, that they would repent and be ſav'd. This thou haſt told us in thy ſacred word, and abundantly confirm'd by the means and methods of ſalvation which thou haſt provided for the children of men. We thank thee, O God, for this thy great goodneſs and love; and we humbly beſeech thee to aſſiſt us by thy ſpecial grace, that we may faithfully perform the reaſonable conditions upon which thou haſt promis'd us eternal life. As thou haſt bleſs'd us with the knowledge of our happineſs, and the way that leadeth to it, ſo we beg of thee to work in our ſouls ſuch an ardent deſire after the one, as may put us upon a diligent proſecution of the other. We are ſenſible, O God, that we have juſtly forfeited thy divine aſſiſtance, not only upon the account of our original guilt, but alſo

by reaſon of thoſe manifold impieties wherewith we have actually provok'd thee. We have nothing to plead in the defence of our miſdoings; but we confeſs, with grief, that they have been very many and very great: For we have had light, and darken'd it; convictions, and ſmother'd them; knowledge, and abus'd it; and have heard thy word, and have refus'd to obey it. But though we have ſinned and rebelled againſt thy divine Majeſty, yet, O God, be merciful unto us; be merciful unto us, and deal not with us as our iniquities do deſerve; but pardon our paſt offences, and accept of our humiliation and repentance, which in the ſincerity of our hearts we now offer up unto thee, through the merits and mediation of Jeſus Chriſt. We do fully purpoſe, for the time to come, to live wiſer and better than ever we have yet done. We deſire to return to thee, our God, with all our hearts. We will, for the future, earneſtly ſeek thy grace in the diligent uſe of thoſe means which thou haſt appointed. Aſſiſt us, we pray thee, by the influence of thy good ſpirit, that we may piouſly perform thoſe things which we do now ſolemnly promiſe

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and intend. Let thy word, which we have this day heard and read, and all thoſe holy ordinances which we have been engag'd in, be abundantly profitable to every one of our ſouls: Let them, by thy bleſſing, have a happy ſucceſs; let them accompliſh in us all thoſe good purpoſes for which thou haſt ordain'd them. Set home thy word ſo effectually upon our hearts, as to convert us perfectly to the practice of our duty: Let ſin and wickedneſs no longer have the dominion over us, but let all the fruits of thy divine ſpirit grow and flouriſh in us: Let our converſation be ſober and modeſt and juſt, and in every reſpect as it becomes the goſpel of our Lord Jeſus Chriſt. And grant, we pray thee, that we may ſo live in this wicked world, as not to be polluted by it; but let the holineſs of our converſations adorn our religion; *Let our light ſo ſhine before men, that they may ſee our good works and glorify our father which is in heaven.*

Neither do we pray for ourſelves alone, but alſo for the whole race of mankind; humbly beſeeching thee to grant, that the ſound of thy goſpel may go out into all the world, that all the inhabitants of the

earth may be brought to the knowledge of the truth. And let thy church be always furniſh'd with a conſtant ſupply of faithful, able, and induſtrious paſtors; and let thy miniſters be ever encouraged with a teachable and an obedient people, that their pious labours may perpetually be follow'd with a great and a good ſucceſs. Be merciful, O God, to that part of thy church, in theſe nations to which we belong; compoſe our differences, and make up thoſe unhappy breaches that are amongſt us; and let thy holy word and worſhip flouriſh in theſe kingdoms as long as the world endureth. Bleſs, we beſeech thee, thy ſervant, our ſovereign Lord King George; proſper, preſerve and keep him in all his ways, and make him in deed and in truth a zealous defender of the chriſtian faith. Bleſs the Queen and all the Royal family. Be gracious to all our relations and friends, and have pity upon our enemies, and forgive their ſins. Watch over us, we pray thee, this night, and give to every one of us quiet and refreſhing reſt and ſleep. Make us always mindful of that time when we muſt lie down and ſleep in the duſt, and of that day

day when we muſt be rais'd again and come to judgment, that ſo we may never allow ourſelves in any wickedneſs. Pardon, we pray thee, all the faults, imperfections and blemiſhes wherewith our devotions and religious performances have this day been ſtain'd: And grant, that thoſe things which we have now aſk'd, according to thy will, may effectually be obtain'd, to the relief of our neceſſities, and the ſetting forth of thy glory, thro' Jeſus Chriſt our Lord: Who, in compaſſion to our infirmities, hath taught us thus to pray: Our Father, &c.

A Morning Prayer for the Lord's-Day, when there is a Communion.

O Thou eternal Wiſdom, the Father of mercies, and the God of peace and comfort, who art the great creator and only preſerver of all the creatures that live and move and have their being, honour and thanks and praiſe be aſcribed

to thee, thou God of love, thou lover of ſouls, who haſt made this our duty, which is our higheſt intereſt, to draw near unto thee; and, leſt the buſineſs and vanities of this world ſhould hinder us, haſt appointed this day of holy reſt for the ſolemn performance of religious offices: Grant, O moſt Holy God, that we may this day worſhip and ſerve thee in ſpirit and in truth, and that our perſons and our performances may be acceptable to thee, thro' Jeſus Chriſt. Thou, and thou alone, art God, the immortal and inviſible ſpirit, the father and the fountain of all goodneſs. The perfections of thy nature, the greatneſs of thy works, and the wonders of thy providence, do far exceed any thing that we can ſay or think. What then is man, that thou art mindful of him, or the ſons of men, that thou ſo regardeſt them! What manner of love is this, that thou haſt ſhewed to the world, that thou ſhouldſt chuſe rather to make us a-new, and to create us again in Chriſt Jeſus unto good works, than ſuffer us to periſh without remedy, when by ſin we had fooliſhly forfeited thy love, and brought upon our ſelves the juſt ſentence of

of eternal death! O God, how can we ſufficiently adore thy marvellous and inconceivable love, that for us men and for our ſalvation thou ſhouldſt ſend down thy ſon from heaven to take our nature upon him, and in that nature die to ſave us! O bleſſed Jeſus, how can we forbear to proclaim the wonders of thy love! How can we refuſe to ſhew forth thy praiſe, who haſt redeemed us from hell, and given us upon our ſincere repentance the promiſe of eternal life. Enable us then, we beſeech thee, by thy grace to repent us truly of our former ſins, to lead new lives, and to have a lively faith in thy mercies, that we may be qualified for the enjoyment of that bleſſedneſs which thou haſt wonderfully purchaſed for us. Let thy holy ſpirit breathe upon our hearts; and let every one of us be effectually perſuaded to yield a willing conformity to all thy ſacred precepts. To this end we pray thee give a bleſſing to the preaching of thy word; let it prevail with us, thro' the ſanctifying efficacy of thy grace, to caſt off the works of darkneſs, and to follow after our Saviour in faith and purity and holineſs unto that heavenly bleſſedneſs in which he lives.

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Let us never be unmindful of the exceeding great love of our Lord and Saviour Jeſus Chriſt; and let the conſideration of his love conſtrain us to live to him all the days of our lives. To this purpoſe it was, that our dear redeemer, juſt before his ſufferings, did inſtitute and ordain holy myſteries as pledges of his love, and a means to oblige us to abhor ſin, and to delight in the practice of goodneſs. To this holy ordinance we may this day approach. We have now a happy opportunity to improve ourſelves by it in wiſdom, devotion and holineſs. Good God, fill us, we pray thee, with a lively and a ſtrong ſenſe of thy bountiful love. Stir up in us ſuch thankful acknowledgments to thee, ſuch hearty reſolutions to obey thee, and ſuch earneſt deſires to be more and more conformable to thy divine nature, that our ſouls may be taken off from ſin and vanity, and be fixed upon thee and thy ways.

We confeſs, O Lord, that our great unfruitfulneſs in the knowledge of Chriſt, and our want of conformity to the precepts of the Goſpel, might juſtly provoke thy wrath and indignation againſt us. But,

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O thou, whoſe nature and property is ever to have mercy and to forgive, pardon us, we pray thee, for what is paſt, and enable us to do better for the future, by the blood of thy ſon interceding for us, and the power of thy ſpirit working in us. O righteous God, if we ſhould approach to thy table, truſting in our own righteouſneſs, thou mighteſt juſtly eſteem our coming a bold and daring preſumption. But we deſire, O Lord, to come before thee in the multitude of thy mercies. Grant, we beſeech thee, that every one of us, who ſhall this day be a partaker of the holy communion may be fulfilled with thy grace and heavenly benediction: And that we may not only commemorate, but alſo ſo effectually receive our Saviour in all the benefits of his death and paſſion, that for the time to come we may live as the redeemed of the Lord. Let our converſation be in heaven by ſuch a conſtant exerciſe of purity and righteouſneſs; of mercy and godlineſs, that we may have a reaſonable hope, and a well-grounded aſſurance of eternal ſalvation thro' the merits and mediation of Jeſus Chriſt. And inſpire, we beſeech thee, the hearts of all

others who ſhall this day meet together to do thee ſervice, that they may all magnify thy great and glorious name, with the like religious affections, and that every one that nameth the name of Chriſt may deteſt and abhor ſin. And ſo unite all our hearts in love and charity, that we may follow after thoſe things that make for peace, and things wherewith one may edify another. May the power of all Chriſtian Kings and Governors be employed to the terror of evil-doers, and for the praiſe and encouragement of ſuch as do well; and all the miniſters of the bleſſed Jeſus be gentle towards all men, teaching and inſtructing ſinners to amend their lives, not only by their preaching, but by their practice too. And let all thoſe that are under their care eſteem them very highly in love for their work's ſake, and receive with meekneſs the ingrafted word which is able to ſave their ſouls. We do alſo recommend to thy fatherly mercies all the poor and ſick, the diſtreſſed, fatherleſs and widows, together with all other perſons that are in adverſity upon any account whatſoever. Teach them, O Lord, to learn good by their

their afflictions, and in thy own due time give them a happy deliverance out of all their troubles. Have mercy upon all our relations and friends; give to every one of them all things convenient for this life, and in the world to come grant them life everlaſting. Have compaſſion upon our enemies, and give them grace to repent of all their ſins, that they may receive forgiveneſs of the ſame. Hear us, we beſeech thee, O moſt merciful Father, and grant, that all thoſe things, which we have faithfully aſked, may effectually be obtained; that, after we have finiſhed our courſe in this world, we may arrive in ſafety at the regions of eternal bleſſedneſs, thro' the merits and mercies of Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. In whoſe name and prevailing words we conclude theſe our imperfect prayers, as he himſelf has taught us.—*Our Father, which art in Heaven, hallowed be thy Name. Thy Kingdom come; Thy Will be done in Earth, as it is in Heaven. Give us this Day our daily Bread. And forgive us our treſpaſſes, as we forgive them that treſpaſs againſt us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine*

thine is the Kingdom, and the Power, and the Glory, for ever and ever.—Amen.

An Evening Prayer for the Lord's Day, when there hath been a Communion.

O Lord God Almighty, which is, and which was, and which is to come. glory and honour and power be aſcrib'd to thee for ever and ever. Bleſſed be thy name, O eternal ſpirit, father of mercies and God of all comfort, for ſending thy ſon Jeſus Chriſt into the world, that whoſoever believeth in him ſhould not periſh, but have everlaſting life: O the infinite wiſdom and power and love which thou haſt ſhew'd in the redemption of ſinners! What can we render to thee, holy father, or to thee, O precious redeemer, for this unſpeakable kindneſs? It is very meet and right, and our bounden duty, that we ſhould at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee for the wonders of thy grace, and the miracles of thy love, which thou haſt expreſs'd to the world. But, alas! Lord, we are too apt to forget thy kindneſs,

kindneſs, and to abuſe thy love by living in ſin; we have juſtly deſerv'd thy eternal wrath; and it is becauſe thy goodneſs and compaſſion faileth not, that we are yet preſerv'd, and that every day gives us freſh occaſions of thankfulneſs: Aſſiſt us by thy grace, that we may be more deeply affected with thy tender compaſſion than ever we have yet been, and expreſs our gratitude in a more acceptable manner than we have ever yet done.

O bleſſed Jeſus, grant that we and all thoſe who have this day been partakers of the holy communion, may be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction. Let us never forget thy love, nor wilfully offend thee for the time to come. Let us never ſtart aſide from thoſe vows and purpoſes of holy living which we have this day made, but carry on to perfection that good which is begun in us. Grant that we may be as careful to keep our pious reſolutions, as we have been willing and ſerious in the making of them. Let thy grace awaken our reaſon, and give us underſtanding, that we may do thoſe things which are moſt agreeable to thy holy name, and the intereſt of our own precious and immortal ſouls.

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And grant that the love of God our ſaviour may be ever admirable in our eyes, and that we may at all times be duly ſenſible of thy divine goodneſs. Give to every one of us ſuch a meaſure of thy grace, that we may from henceforth live as the redeemed of the Lord; that we may be humble and chaſte and temperate; that we may be honeſt and juſt and charitable, and in every reſpect entirely reſign'd to thy holy will and pleaſure. This, Lord, is the ſincere and fervent deſire of our ſouls; increaſe this deſire, we beſeech thee, and by the power of thy grace preſerve in our minds a perpetual remembrance of thy kindneſs and our own ſacramental vows. O, dear Jeſus, ſtir up all that is within us to bleſs and praiſe thy holy name: That ſo, by a frequent acknowledgment of thy benefits, we may be more and more engag'd to follow the precepts and the pattern of God our ſaviour. O that the Lord Jeſus may be always in our thoughts and in our hearts, that we may delight to do his will. Make us perfect, O God, in every good word and work, and never weary of well-doing, knowing, that our labour is not in vain; but that at the end of this ſhort and tranſitory

tranſitory life, we ſhall be made partakers of a life immortal with the bleſſed Jeſus; that we ſhall, according to his promiſe, be with him where he is to ſee his glory, and ſhall be glorified our ſelves for ever and ever.

Be merciful, O God, to the whole race of mankind; let all who are redeemed by the blood of the holy Jeſus, acknowledge him to be the Lord, and become his worſhippers and faithful ſervants. Make all thoſe who call themſelves chriſtians, careful and diligent in the practice of that holy religion which they own and profeſs. And, above all, inſpire them with united principles and charitable hearts, that by their loving one another, as thou haſt loved us, all the world may know, that they are thy diſciples. O Lord, graciouſly be pleaſed to fulfil the prayers of thy church, and of every particular member of it, that have this day been offered to thee through Jeſus Chriſt, for the good of the whole world. Eſpecially hear the petitions that have been made for ſuch as do believe in the holy Jeſus, in what place or condition ſoever they be. In a more particular manner we pray thee to incline thine ears to the devout

devout prayers that have been made in the behalf of theſe kingdoms, for our ſovereign Lord, King *George*, the Queen, and all the Royal Family; for the miniſters of thy holy word, and for all ſorts and conditions of men amongſt us, from the higheſt to the loweſt. Let all thoſe ſupplications for grace, mercy, peace, and eternal life, together with all the praiſes and thankſgivings which have been rendered to thee, be ever acceptable in thy ſight, O Lord, our ſtrength and our redeemer.

In a more eſpecial and particular manner, we beſeech thee, O heavenly father, to accept of this our bounden duty and ſervice, which we do now offer up to thee through Jeſus Chriſt: Pity our great weakneſs and manifold infirmities; pardon all our ſins and negligences, our wandering thoughts, and the coldneſs and dulneſs of our devotions. And deny us not the grace of thy holy ſpirit, which we have at this time prayed for, to enable us all to amend our lives, and to live anſwerably to our profeſſion. Let none of us for the future live in the wilful neglect of any duty, or the commiſſion of any ſin, but let all our thoughts and words

words and works be regulated by the laws of the goſpel.

Watch over us, we pray thee, this night for good, and let no evil happen to us. Give us quiet and refreſhing reſt and ſleep; and when we awake again, let us feel the ſame holy thoughts and deſires, the ſame acknowledgments and pious reſolutions working within us, as now we have; that ſo the practice of religion may be pleaſant to us, and we may be always kept in a longing and a joyful hope of the heavenly glory, through the mercy of God in Jeſus Chriſt. In whoſe moſt bleſſed name and words we conclude theſe our imperfect prayers: *Our Father*, &c.

A Morning Prayer for Monday.

ALmighty and everlaſting God, maker of all things, and judge of all men, we acknowledge and bewail the manifold ſins and tranſgreſſions which we are guilty of; we have neglected our duty to thee, to our neighbour, and to ourſelves; we have

have broken thy righteous laws, and neglected to walk in thy ways, times without number. We have left undone thoſe things which thou haſt commanded, and have done thoſe things which thou haſt expreſly forbidden; and the very beſt of our religious performances have been ſo extremely imperfect, that it is of thy great goodneſs and infinite compaſſion that we are not conſumed. O that thy goodneſs may lead us to repentance, and thy long-ſuffering teach us to amend our lives! Teach us, O Lord, to anſwer all the ſuggeſtions of fleſh and blood, againſt a ſerious converſation; arm us with arguments to beat down our carnal intereſt, and aſſiſt us by thy grace to become truly pious. O bleſſed Jeſus! thou who didſt lay down thy life to ſave ſinners, ſave and deliver us, we humbly pray thee, from the filth and guilt of all our iniquities. Enter not into judgment with us, vile earth and miſerable ſinners; but for thine infinite compaſſion's ſake forgive us all that is paſt, and enable us by thy grace, to ſerve and pleaſe thee in newneſs of life. Guide us, O God, in all our actions, protect us in all dangers, ſupport us under every affliction, and give us

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grace to call upon thee in all times of temptation. Let not our lives be miſerable and wretched, nor our names ſtained with ſin and ſhame, but keep us in this evil world from the wickedneſs of it. Give to every one of us a clear underſtanding, a ſanctified, a juſt, a charitable, a religious, and a contented ſpirit. Let all our converſations be uſeful to our neighbours, profitable to ourſelves, and pleaſing to thee our God; that ſo when our bodies ſhall lie down in their beds of darkneſs, our ſouls may paſs into the regions of light, and live with thee for ever and ever.

With us, we pray thee to be merciful to all men, give them grace truly to repent of all their ſins; that they may receive forgiveneſs of the ſame, and an inheritance amongſt them that are ſanctified. Bleſs eſpecially thy holy church; grant that all thoſe who profeſs and call themſelves chriſtians, may walk worthy of thy goſpel. In a more particular manner, we pray thee to be merciful to that part of thy church in theſe nations to which we belong. Cauſe us to repent of, and to turn from all our tranſgreſſions, leſt iniquity become our ruin. Pity the diſtractions,

and make up the unhappy differences that are amongſt us in matters of religion. Endue the paſtors and governors of the church with every grace and chriſtian virtue, and make them zealous and diligent to promote it in all thoſe who are under their care. Give them wiſdom to diſcern the beſt and moſt proper means of compoſing the differences of this miſerably divided church, the heart to endeavour it, and, by thy bleſſing upon their endeavours, the happineſs to effect it. Pour down the choiceſt of thy bleſſings upon the head and heart of thy ſervant, our moſt gracious ſovereign Lord, King George, let his reign be proſperous, and his years many; and when he hath ſerved his generation according to thy will, vouchſafe him an eaſy paſſage to the regions of eternal reſt. Bleſs the Queen, and all the Royal Family.

Be merciful to all our relations, friends, and acquaintance, and forgive our enemies. And look down, we pray thee, in much pity and compaſſion upon all the ſons and daughters of ſorrow and affliction. O thou, who art the great phyſician of ſoul and body, be pleaſed to mitigate the pains, and to aſſwage the grief of all thoſe that

that are in misery, and lay no more upon them than thou wilt enable them to bear; and, in thy own due time, give them a happy deliverance out of all their trouble.

O merciful God, as we do pray to thee for thy future favour, so we desire to return thee all possible thanks and adoration for the manifold and great mercies which thou hast already bestowed upon us. We thank thee for our creation and redemption, for thy sacred word and holy ordinances, for our lives and health, and food and rayment; and particularly we do at this time most humbly thank thee for our preservation the night past; and for bringing us safely to the beginning of this day, and we beseech thee to defend us in the same by thy mighty power: And grant, that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings may be ordered by thy governance to do always that which is righteous in thy sight, thro' Jesus Christ our Lord. In whose words we beseech thee to hear us, according to the fullest sense and intention of them, *Our Father*, &c.

An Evening Prayer for Monday.

ALmighty and moſt merciful father, by whom we were made, and in whom we live and move and have our being; to whoſe tender compaſſion we owe our ſafety the day paſt, together with all the comforts of this preſent life, and the hopes of that which is to come: We deſire to approach thy ſacred preſence with the greateſt humility both of ſoul and body, being deeply ſenſible of thy goodneſs, and of our own unworthineſs. We thank thee, O God, from the very bottom of our hearts, for our creation and preſervation, for our food and raiment, and for all the comforts, neceſſaries, and conveniencies of this life; but above all, for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory, through the merits and interceſſion of Jeſus Chriſt. In whoſe name, and upon whoſe account, we do moſt earneſtly beg the pardon and forgiveneſs of all our ſins, beſeeching thee to work in us a true, a hearty, and a ſincere repentance, that we may not only confeſs, but

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alſo forſake every evil way. To this end, we pray thee, convert our hearts, ſubdue our affections, regenerate our minds, and purify our natures; that in every reſpect we may be ſuch as thou wouldſt have us to be, even ſuch as ſhall be made partakers of endleſs and eternal glory. Make us humble and charitable, juſt and honeſt, peaceable and pious: Let us never envy the proſperity or good ſucceſs of our neighbours, or behave ourſelves ſo as juſtly to deſerve their anger: But teach us always to walk as in thy preſence; and let the thoughts of death, and judgment, and eternity, ſo influence our lives and actions, that we may never dare to be guilty of any wilful ſin. Forgive us, O Lord, we humbly pray thee, the ſins which we have this day committed either in thought, word or deed, againſt thy divine Majeſty; and if we have been guilty of any injuſtice or injury towards men, make us deeply ſenſible of our fault, and willing to make reſtitution to the utmoſt of our power; and, for Chriſt his ſake, blot out our iniquity, and be reconciled to us.

We beſeech thee likewiſe, of thine infinite goodneſs and mercy, to take us into

thy protection this night; give us quiet and refreshing rest and sleep, and defend us from all dangers, both ghostly and bodily. Extend, we pray thee, the same pity and compassion to all our relations, friends, and acquaintance. And we beseech thee, O Lord, to be merciful to thy whole church, and to continue the peace of this nation. Preserve our religious King, and bless all that are plac'd in authority under him, that they may truly and indifferently administer justice, to the punishment of wickedness and vice, and to the maintenance of thy true religion and virtue. And give thy grace, O heavenly father, to all thy ministers, that by the soundness of their doctrine, and the integrity of their lives, they may turn a multitude of sinners to the wisdom of the just. We also commend to thy fatherly goodness, all those who are any ways afflicted or distressed in mind, body, or estate; and especially those who in any parts of the world do suffer persecution for righteousness sake; that it may please thee to comfort and relieve them according to their several necessities, and to give them a happy deliverance out of all their afflictions.

afflictions. These things we do most humbly beg of thee, O Father of Mercies, with whatever else thou seest to be needful for us, or for any of thine throughout the world, for the sake and merits of thy Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ: In whose name and words, according to the fullest sense and intention of them, we conclude these our imperfect prayers, *Our Father*, &c.

A Morning Prayer for Tuesday.

O God, the infinite and eternal spirit, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secret can possibly be hid, cleanse, we pray thee, the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy holy spirit; and assist us by thy grace, that we may now offer up unto thee a morning sacrifice of prayer and of praise acceptable in thy sight, through Jesus Christ our Lord; in whose mediation is our trust, and in whose name alone we dare presume to approach thy divine majesty.

We acknowledge, O God, that we have been daily adding actual tranſgreſſions to our original guilt. We confeſs with ſhame, that this deceitful world hath had our love, our care, our thoughts, our words and labour, as if it had been our home and portion for ever; and we have been too forgetful of thee, our God, and too negligent about the everlaſting concerns of our immortal ſouls. We have been very remiſs in performing that good which thou haſt required, and have frequently done that evil which thou haſt expreſly forbidden. And though thy wonderful love hath given us a redeemer, and in him a ſufficient remedy for all our ſins, upon the reaſonable conditions of repentance and amendment of life, yet, alas! we have been extremely backward to accept of mercy upon theſe eaſy conditions: So that it is juſt with thee to reject us for ever. But deal not with us, O Lord, according to our deſerts, but according to our neceſſities, and thy own boundleſs compaſſion in Jeſus Chriſt. We have ſinned, as men; but be thou merciful, as God. Forgive us, O Lord, all the evil thoughts, all the vain words, and all

all the bad actions that we are guilty of. Thou haſt promiſed to forgive every penitent and returning ſinner: Lord, we do earneſtly repent, and are heartily ſorry for all our miſdoings. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, moſt merciful father; for thy ſon, our Lord Jeſus Chriſt's ſake, forgive us all that is paſt; and enable us, by thy grace, to live wiſer and better for the time to come. Give us, we pray thee, a holy and a heavenly diſpoſition; take us for thy own children by adoption; make us holy in the image of thy holineſs; and bring all the powers of our ſouls and bodies into a full ſubjection to thy government. Shed abroad thy love in our hearts by the holy Ghoſt, that ſo we may love thee above all, and ſtudy in all things to pleaſe thee, to promote thy kingdom, and to do thy will. Make thy ways ſo pleaſant to us, that we may have no temptation to purſue the forbidden pleaſures of ſin. Let the thoughts of thy precious love in Jeſus Chriſt, and of our pardon and peace with thee, and of the endleſs joys in thy heavenly kingdom, comfort and refreſh our minds under all the croſſes

of this troubleſome world, under all the pains and anguiſh of our mortal bodies, and in the bitter agonies of death whenever it comes. Teach us to reverence thy name; to be obedient to thy word; to eſteem thy ordinances, and to ſanctify thy ſabbath according to thy holy will. Teach us to love our neighbours as ourſelves; to love and to forgive our enemies, and heartily to pray for thoſe that affront or abuſe us. Let us be ſo governed by thy good ſpirit, as that we may never wrong any one either in their bodies, chaſtity, eſtate, or names; but let us do to every one, as we would be done by. Cauſe us to hate and to overcome all ſenſuality, pride and hypocriſy, and every wickedneſs. Help us to govern ourſelves by thy word; to labour faithfully in our callings; to abhor idleneſs, and be contented with that condition in which thy good providence hath placed us. Prepare us for death and judgment and eternity, that the end of our lives here may be the beginning of an endleſs and immortal happineſs hereafter.

With us, we pray thee, to be merciful to all men; ſend forth the word of life to the

the dark and miſerable nations of the earth; let all the kingdoms of the world be converted to the chriſtian faith; let every knee bow to the bleſſed Jeſus, and every tongue confeſs that he is God. Deliver thy church from all its oppreſſors and deceivers, and reform every part of it to its ancient ſimplicity and purity, both in doctrine and worſhip and diſcipline. Preſerve and bleſs the churches that are reformed, eſpecially that part of it in theſe kingdoms to which we belong, and let the goſpel continue here in its purity as long as the world endureth. Bleſs thy ſervant, our ſovereign Lord King George, with all the nobility, judges and magiſtrates, that they may rule, as being ruled by thy laws. Teach our teachers, and give us both able and faithful paſtors, and ourſelves pious and peaceable minds, that we may not be drawn aſide either to hereſy or ſchiſm.

Be merciful to all that are afflicted, either in mind, body or eſtate; ſanctify their ſufferings, and in thy own good time give them a happy deliverance out of all their troubles. And ſave the proſperous from the danger and temptation of an eaſy condition. Be merciful to us and let none

of us be a ſervant to the world, the fleſh, or the devil; but keep us in a willing obedience to thee our God, and in a faithful diſcharge of our duties one towards another. Let thy bleſſing be on all our ſouls and bodies, and let not thy judgments fall upon us. And as we do pray to thee, ſo we deſire to bleſs and to praiſe thy holy name, for all the mercies which from time to time thou haſt been pleaſed to afford us. We thank thee particularly for our preſervation the night paſt, and for the happineſs of ſeeing one day more; protect and bleſs us in it, we pray thee; give ſucceſs to us in all our honeſt and lawful undertakings, that in the evening we may return thee joyful thanks, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. In whoſe name and prevailing words we ſum up theſe our imperfect prayers, as he hath taught us, ſaying, *Our Father*, &c.

An Evening Prayer for Tueſday.

O Moſt gracious Lord God, who daily multiplieſt upon us thy mercies, notwithſtanding we every day renew our provocations; accept, we beſeech thee, of our moſt humble and hearty thanks, for thy great goodneſs and kindneſs to us, both in reſpect of our ſouls and bodies: Bleſſed, and for ever bleſſed, be that love of thine, for preſerving our lives from death, and for giving us this one opportunity more to ſeek thy face, and to beg for the pardon of our ſins. Forgive, O God, all that ever we have done amiſs, and all the good that we have neglected to do in the whole courſe of our lives. We do earneſtly repent, and are heartily ſorry for our ſins, and we are fully reſolved to endeavour to forſake them, and to live as becometh the goſpel of Chriſt. And we humbly beſeech thee to enable us, by thy grace and holy ſpirit, to perform effectually what we have now piouſly reſolved. Let us always be deeply ſenſible

ſible of thine endearing benefits, and learn to depend upon thy providence, which hath hitherto been watchful over us. Let us always endeavour to be more and more conformable to the precepts and pattern of Jeſus Chriſt, the author of our ſalvation. Let us abound in humility, meekneſs, charity, juſtice, chaſtity, and continence, together with all other chriſtian graces and virtues.

Keep us all, we humbly beſeech thee, under the care and defence of thy good providence this night; make our ſleep ſafe and refreſhing to us. And fit every one of us for that time in which we muſt lie down and ſleep in the duſt. Let death never ſurprize us in an unprepared ſtate; but let us be removed out of this life with all advantage for eternity; that being in a due preparation of mind, and a holy diſpoſition of ſoul; having clear acts of faith in Jeſus Chriſt, a perfect abhorrence of ſin, and a ſettled peace and tranquility of mind; we may eſcape the dreadful pangs of death, the horror of a diſturbed conſcience, and all the frightful confuſion of doubts and uncertainties about our everlaſting condition,

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and may depart in ſafety, and be happy for ever.

Give all men grace to repent of all their ſins, and to become thy faithful ſervants. Let all chriſtians live up to the laws of their moſt holy religion. Bleſs eſpecially theſe kingdoms wherein we live: Let our governors rule with juſtice, and the people obey with chearfulneſs. Make the rich and proſperous to ſhew themſelves temperate in uſing, and charitable in diſpoſing of their ſubſtance. And teach the poor and afflicted to be patient and contented in their low eſtate: And cauſe us all to love as brethren, and to be pitiful and tender-hearted towards all men. Preſerve our friends in their ſouls and bodies; forgive our enemies, and make them kindly affected towards us: And do whatſoever thou ſeeſt fitting for us all. Theſe things we humbly beg of thee, not for our own worthineſs, but for the ſake and merits of thy Son, our Saviour Jeſus Chriſt: Who in compaſſion to our infirmities, has taught us thus to pray, *Our Father, &c.*

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A Morning Prayer for Wedneſday.

O Moſt holy Lord God, thou art the giver of every good and perfect gift; from thee are derived all the mercies that we have, or can, or do enjoy: And being deeply ſenſible of our dependance upon thee, we give thee moſt humble and hearty thanks for the manifold and great inſtances of kindneſs and compaſſion which thou haſt continually afforded us. O how bleſſed is that love of thine, which moved thee to give thine only begotten ſon to die for our ſins, and to put us in a capacity of being everlaſtingly happy; and how boundleſs that compaſſion, that after all our wilful and unwiſe refuſals of thy grace, thou haſt ſtill waited to be gracious to us. We thank thee, O God, for adding this one day more to the years we have miſpent already, and having yet patience with us, to ſee if we will finiſh the work which thou haſt ſet us to do, and fit ourſelves for eternal glory. Pardon, good Lord, all our former ſins, and ſanctify

tify and cleanſe us from all the defilements both of fleſh and ſpirit, that we may no longer abuſe thy patience. Enable us by thy grace to live righteouſly, ſoberly and religiouſly for the time to come, and never more to allow ourſelves in ſin. Let us always conſider, that thou art an everywhere preſent being; that all our thoughts and words and works are better known to thee, than they are to ourſelves; and therefore in every place and company where our occaſions ſhall this day lead us, let us by no means venture upon any wickedneſs: But keep us chaſte in all our thoughts, temperate in all our enjoyments, humble in our opinions of ourſelves, charitable in our ſpeeches of others, patient and peaceable under all provocations, ſincere and faithful in all our words, and ſo juſt and honeſt in all our dealings, that no neceſſity may force us, nor any temptation or opportunity allure us to defraud, injure, or over-reach our neighbours. Let us not be envious at the proſperity of other men, nor aſcribe any good ſucceſs that we ourſelves may be bleſs'd with, to our own induſtry or merit; but let us own it as thy gift, and be heartily thankful

ful for it. Give us, we pray thee, a convenient ſupply for all our neceſſities, and protect us from every thing that is hurtful either to our ſouls or bodies. Make us diligent in all our buſineſs, and give a good ſucceſs to all our honeſt endeavours. Teach us to ſubmit with patience, to all the diſappointments and croſs accidents that thou in thy wiſe providence ſuffereſt to befal us. And grant, we pray thee, that in all our paſſage thro' this world, and amongſt all our earthly concerns, our hearts may be kept from too great an affection for any thing here below; and let us look by faith at that ſtate which is beyond the grave, and have our hopes fix'd upon the unſeen joys of thy heavenly kingdom. Let us make the care of our ſouls the greateſt concern of all our lives, and ſo live in this world, that we may be happy in the next.

We alſo humbly beſeech thee to extend thy grace to all men in all places of the earth: Eſpecially be gracious to our governors and fellow ſubjects, both high and low, rich and poor, in theſe kingdoms to which we belong. Bleſs all our relations

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who are near to us in the fleſh, and all our friends and benefactors who are endear'd to us by their kindneſs. Forgive all our enemies, and give them hearts to fear thee, and to be kind to us. Theſe things we do humbly beg of thee, with whatever elſe thou ſeeſt to be needful for us, or for any of thy people, throughout the world, in the name and for the merits of thy ſon our Saviour Jeſus Chriſt: Who, in compaſſion to our infirmities, hath taught us thus to pray, *Our Father, &c.*

An Evening Prayer for Wedneſday.

ALmighty, all-ſeeing, and moſt gracious God, the world and all therein, is made, maintained, and ordered by thee: Thou art every where preſent, and though thou art revealed in thy glory to thoſe only that are in heaven, yet thy grace is ſtill diffuſed on earth, to prepare men for that unſpeakable bleſſedneſs. Thou haſt made

made us not as the beaſts that periſh, but with reaſonable and immortal ſouls, to know, and ſeek, and ſerve thee here, and then to live with all the bleſſed in the everlaſting ſight of thy heavenly glory, and the pleaſures of thy moſt perfect love and praiſe. But we are aſhamed to think how unwiſely, nay wickedly we have forgotten thee our God, and our ſouls, and the hopes of endleſs and immortal happineſs; and how much we have minded the things of this vain and ſinful world, and the proſperity and pleaſure of our corruptible bodies, which we all know will infallibly be turned to rottenneſs and duſt. O righteous God, thou didſt give to man a law in the day of his creation, which was juſt and good; a law in which he might have lived, and never have offended thee; but he wilfully broke it; and when by ſin he had undone himſelf and all his poſterity, thou didſt give us a Saviour, even the Son of thy love, who in the fulneſs of time, for us men, and for our ſalvation, came down from heaven, and was made man, who by his holy life and bitter ſufferings, reconciled us to God. He hath purchaſed our redemption, and revealed to us the means

means and the methods by which we may enjoy the benefit of his purchaſe, much better than an angel from heaven could have done, if he had been ſent to us ſinners upon ſuch a meſſage. But, alas! how light have we ſet by our Redeemer; and by all that love, which thou, O Father of Mercies, haſt manifeſted by him? And how little have we ſtudied and underſtood the covenant of grace? And how much leſs have we obeyed it.

But, O God, be merciful to us, vile and miſerable ſinners! Forgive the ſins of our natural pravity, the follies of our youth, and all the ignorance, negligence, omiſſions and commiſſions of our whole lives: And give us true repentance for them, without which we know thou wilt not forgive them.

Our life is but as a ſhadow that paſſeth away; it is but as a moment before we muſt leave this world, and appear before thee, the great God and judge of the univerſe, to give up our account, and to be happy or miſerable for ever, according to what we have done here in the body, whether it be good or bad. Should we die before thou haſt turned our hearts from this ſinful fleſh and world,

world, to thee, our God, by true faith and repentance, we ſhall be loſt for evermore. O woe to us that ever we were born, if thou forgive not our ſins, and make us not holy, before we die. Had we all the riches and pleaſures of this world, they would ſhortly leave us in the greater ſorrows. We know that all our life is but that time which thy mercy hath allotted us to prepare for eternity. Convince us therefore of the neceſſity of repentance, and let us not defer and put it off to the hour of death. But now, Lord, as if it were our laſt and dying words, we do moſt earneſtly beg thy pardoning and ſanctifying grace, through the merits and interceſſion of our dear Redeemer. O thou who haſt pitied and ſaved ſo many millions of miſerable ſinners, pity and ſave us alſo, that we may glorify thy name for ever. Surely thou delighteſt not in the death of ſinners, but willeſt rather, that they ſhould return and live, for hadſt thou been unwilling to ſhew mercy, thou wouldeſt never have redeem'd us by the death and ſufferings of thine eternal ſon, neither wouldeſt thou ſtill be intreating us to be reconciled unto thee. We have no cauſe,

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O God, to miſtruſt thy truth or goodneſs; but we may juſtly fear leſt unbelief, and pride, and hypocriſy, and a worldly mind, ſhould be our ruin. O ſave us from ſatan, and from this wicked world, but eſpecially from our more wicked ſelves. Teach us to deny all ungodlineſs and fleſhly luſt, and to live ſoberly, righteouſly, and godly, in this preſent world. Let it be our chiefeſt daily work to pleaſe thee, to lay up a treaſure in heaven, and to make ſure of a bleſſed life with Chriſt in that ſtate which is after death. Make us faithful in our callings and duties towards one another and to all men. Bleſs the king and all in authority, that we may live quiet and peaceable lives in all godlineſs and honeſty. Give wiſe, and holy, and peaceable paſtors, to all the churches of Chriſt, and holy and peaceable minds to the people. Convert the heathen and infidel nations of the world to the knowledge of the truth. Bleſs all our relations and friends, benefactors and acquaintance; give to every one of them all things convenient for this life, and in the world to come grant them life everlaſting.

Laſtly, We come to thee for a bleſſing upon ourſelves: Watch over us, we pray thee, this night for good; give us quiet and refreſhing reſt and ſleep: Forgive us, we beſeech thee, whatſoever we have done or omitted to do this day contrary to our duty. Keep us from hurtful temptations, from ſin, and from the malice of our ſpiritual or bodily enemies. And let all our thoughts, affections, paſſions, words, and actions, be ordered by thy word and ſpirit, to the glory of thy holy name. Let religion and obedience be pleaſant to us; and let us always be delighted in thy praiſe, and continually live in a longing and a joyful hope of the heavenly glory. Theſe things we beg of thee, with every thing elſe that thou ſeeſt to be needful for us, for the ſake and merits of our Lord and Saviour Jeſus Chriſt. In whoſe moſt bleſſed name and words we conclude theſe our imperfect prayers, *Our Father, &c.*

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A Morning Prayer for Thurſday.

O Holy, bleſſed and glorious trinity, three perſons and one God, have mercy upon us, miſerable ſinners.

Lord, we know not what to pray for, as we ought; O let thy ſpirit help our infirmities, and enable us to offer up unto thee a ſpiritual ſacrifice acceptable in thy ſight, thro' Jeſus Chriſt our Lord.

O eternal God, thou great creator, preſerver and governor of the world; we thine unworthy creatures, who are leſs than the leaſt of all thy mercies, do here bow down before thee, admiring and adoring the incomprehenſible perfections of thy divine nature, and thankfully acknowledging that tender compaſſion and boundleſs love of thine, which we are continually bleſſed with. We confeſs, O God, that there is nothing commendable in us, but what we have received from thee; for thou alone art the giver of every good and perfect gift. To love thee *truly*, and to ſerve thee *faithfully*, is our greateſt duty and our greateſt intereſt.

But, alas! we have neglected our duty; we have forfeited thy favour, and forſook our own happineſs, by which we have juſtly deſerved thine everlaſting diſpleaſure: But, O the unſearchable riches of thy grace! Thou art yet waiting for our repentance, and upon our repentance and amendment of life, thou art willing and ready to forgive us all our ſins; and for the ſake and merits of thy ſon, our Saviour, Jeſus Chriſt, to reſtore us to thy divine favour; and, when this life is ended, to make us partakers of eternal bleſſedneſs in thy heavenly kingdom. Affect our hearts, we beſeech thee, with ſuch a due ſenſe of this infinite love of thine, as may conſtrain us to abhor and forſake every wickedneſs; and enable us, by thy grace, to live in a willing conformity to all the divine precepts. O bleſſed Jeſus, thou God of love, thou lover of ſouls, grant that we may give all poſſible diligence to pleaſe thee; let us love thee above all things; and, for thy ſake, love our neighbours as ourſelves. Aſſiſt us alſo by thy grace, that for the time to come, we may always live as in thy ſight; let us no longer be wilfully guilty of

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any wickedneſs, but let us abound in good works; let us grow in grace, and be continually exerciſed in the practice of godlineſs. Make us pure and chaſte in all our thoughts, and ſober, contented and thankful in all our enjoyments. Make us humble, and charitable, and meek, and patient, in every condition. Make us ſincere and faithful, and juſt and honeſt, in all our dealings, and uſeful in every relation and capacity of life. Help us always to keep a conſcience void of offence towards God and man. Poſſeſs our hearts with a deep and lively ſenſe of the heinouſneſs of ſin, the frailty of our lives, the certainty of a judgment to come, and of the two very different conditions in which God will everlaſtingly fix the righteous and the wicked. And let the conſideration of theſe things move every one of us to walk circumſpectly, and to live at preſent, as we ſhall wiſh we had done, at the hour of death, and in the day of judgment.

And as we pray for ourſelves, ſo likewiſe we beſeech thee, O God, to be merciful to the whole race of mankind: Let all *Jews*, *Turks*, *Infidels*, and *Hereticks*, be thorougly converted from the error of

their ways, and effectully brought home to the knowledge of the truth. In a more eſpecial manner we do earneſtly beg of thee, that all thoſe who profeſs and call themſelves chriſtians, may ceaſe from iniquity. Particularly be gracious to that part of thy church in theſe kingdoms to which we belong. O that all enmity and faction, irreligion and prophaneneſs, ſenſuality and uncleanneſs, covetouſneſs and ambition, may be rooted out of the midſt of us, and that every chriſtian virtue may flouriſh and abound amongſt us to all generations. Bleſs, we pray thee, thy ſervant, our ſovereign, the King, give to him the ſpirit of wiſdom nnd counſel, together with all other ſpiritual and temporal bleſſings, that under him we may lead quiet and peaceable lives, in all godlineſs and honeſty. Cloath thy prieſts with ſalvation, and make them wiſe and faithful ſtewards of the divine myſteries, that ſo they may ſave themſelves and thoſe that hear them.

Into thy hands, O God, we reſign ourſelves and all our concernments, let thy good providence continually watch over us. Be merciful to all our relations, friends, benefac-

benefactors and acquaintance; give to every one of them all things convenient for this life, and in the world to come grant them life everlasting.

Look down in much pity and compassion upon all that are in want, and supply them according to their various necessities; but especially consider such as suffer for righteousness sake.

We thank thee, O blessed God, for the manifold mercies we have been bless'd with in the whole course of our lives; and particularly for our preservation the night past, and for the comfort of enjoying one day more; and we beseech thee to keep us in the same from Sin and Danger, and confirm and strengthen us in all Well-doing. Direct, assist and prosper us in all our lawful undertakings, and grant that neither the pleasure nor profits of this present world may make us forgetful of thee our God, or careless about the great concerns of our precious and immortal souls. These things we do most humbly beg of thee, with every thing else, that thou in thine infinite wisdom seest to be needful for us, in the name and for the sake of our Lord and Saviour Jesus

Chriſt, who in compaſſion to our infirmities has taught us thus to pray: *Our Father*, &c.

An Evening Prayer for Thurſday.

O Eternal and ever bleſſed Lord God, we do moſt thankfully acknowledge, that all the good which we have, or can, or do enjoy, cometh wholly from thee. To thee therefore ought to be given by us and by all thoſe creatures whom thou haſt made to know how great, and how good thou art, all honour, glory and praiſe, all love, ſervice and obedience, as long as we have any being. For it is but meet, and right, and our bounden duty, that we ſhould at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, and devoutly reſign both our ſouls and bodies to thy divine will. We are therefore heartily ſorry, that this has not been our practice ever ſince we were able to act as reaſonable creatures. We are aſhamed to think how vain and how ſinful our lives have been,

been, and how little we have minded the ſervice of thee, our God, and the everlaſting condition of our own precious and immortal ſouls. Give us now, we beſeech thee, a deep ſenſe of the evil of our ways; and touch our hearts with a lively apprehenſion of the condition we are in, and the abſolute neceſſity of a ſaviour. We are ſenſible, O God, that we have juſtly deſerved thy wrath; but with thee there is mercy that thou mayeſt be feared: Thou art in Chriſt reconciling the world to thyſelf, not imputing their treſpaſſes and ſins. In his name therefore, and upon his account, we do moſt earneſtly beg the pardon and forgiveneſs of all our unrighteouſneſs; and moſt humbly pray for thine aſſiſting grace, to amend our lives, that our converſation for the future may be as becomes the diſciples of our dear Redeemer. And as thou haſt made us to underſtand the reaſonableneſs and goodneſs of all thy laws, ſo incline our wills to be more and more in love with the practice of them. Whatever good thoughts we have of thee, Obleſſed God! increaſe them; let us feel the ſweetneſs of holineſs; let not the love of ſin and vanity hinder us from

loving thee, or ſtop us in running the heavenly race that is ſet before us. But let us always endeavour to be more and more conformable to the pattern and the precepts of our Lord and Saviour Jeſus Chriſt. Let us never allow ourſelves in pride, vain glory, or hypocriſy, in envy, hatred or malice, in lying, diſſimulation or fraud: But let us be humble, and meek, and temperate; let us be kind, and juſt, and honeſt; that here we may adorn the doctrine of the goſpel, and never be a ſcandal to our moſt holy religion; and when this life is ended, we may be made everlaſtingly happy with thee in heaven.

And as we do pray to thee, ſo we deſire to bleſs and to praiſe thy holy name for all the mercies which thou art pleaſed continually to beſtow upon us; particularly we do now thank thee for our preſervation this day paſt, for our health, food and raiment, and, above all, for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory; through the death and ſufferings of Jeſus Chriſt. We do alſo commit ourſelves this night to thy fatherly care, in an humble confidence of thy mercy

mercy and protection. Give us, we beſeech thee, quiet and refreſhing reſt and ſleep: Defend us from all the powers of darkneſs, from all evil men, from fire, and all other ſad accidents. And the ſame mercies that we beg for ourſelves, we deſire for the reſt of mankind; eſpecially for all thoſe who are called by the name of Chriſt. O that every member of that body, of which he is the head, may live in a faithful diſcharge of their duty; and that all orders and degrees of men may ſo behave themſelves, as it becomes their ſeveral relations; that they may be an honour to religion, and, after death, be bleſſed with endleſs and immortal glory in the heavenly kingdom. Have compaſſion upon all the ſons and daughters of affliction; comfort and help them according to their various wants and different neceſſities. [Eſpecially be merciful to him or her, (whoſe caſe we are acquainted with,) for whom our prayers are deſired. O Lord, help him or her in the needful time of trouble. Comfort and ſupport him or her under his ſickneſs, and add a bleſſing to ſuch means as are uſed for his or her recovery, if it be thy moſt holy will;

however, O Lord, take neither him, or her, nor us out of this life, till thou haſt fitted and qualified us for the State of immortality, eternity, and glory.] Theſe things, with whatever elſe thou ſeeſt to be needful for us; we do moſt humbly pray thee to give us, for the ſake and worthineſs of our Lord and Saviour Jeſus Chriſt. In whoſe moſt bleſſed name and words we further call upon thee, ſaying, *Our Father, &c.*

A Morning Prayer for Friday.

ALmighty and everlaſting God, we heartily acknowledge thy ſovereign dominion over us and all creatures; we magnify thine infinite wiſdom and power; we adore thy divine goodneſs and truth, and we render thee our moſt humble and hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits and unſpeakable mercies which from time to time thou haſt conferred upon us. Above all we bleſs and praiſe thy holy name, for the means of grace, and for the hope of eternal

eternal happineſs, through the merits and interceſſion of Jeſus Chriſt. In whoſe name, and upon whoſe account we do earneſtly beg the pardon and forgiveneſs of all our ſins, and the aſſiſtance of thy grace to reform our lives. Work in our hearts a true faith, a purifying hope, and unfeigned love towards thee and thy ways; that ſo we may ſeek thee diligently, depend upon thee conſtantly, and ſerve thee ſincerely all the days of our lives. Grant that our preſervation the night paſt, and the happineſs of enjoying another day, may put us upon renewed purpoſes of better obedience, and that thy adding of days to our lives, may cauſe us to add diligence to our religious endeavours. Let not the increaſe of our years, be abuſed by us, and made an occaſion to increaſe our ſins; but let us, as we draw nearer the grave, be in a greater readineſs to die, and to come to judgment. Grant that we may always delight in well doing, that we abſtain from every appearance of evil, and never do any thing that is wicked, in hopes that good will come of it; but let all our thoughts and words and works be regulated by thy divine law. And when

we have done all that we can do to perfect holineſs in thy fear, let us not be proud of our own performances, but humble and thankful for thy divine grace and aſſiſtance.

With us, we pray thee, to be merciful to the whole race of mankind; let thy ways be known upon earth, and thy ſaving health amongſt all nations. Bleſs eſpecially thy catholick church; enlarge its borders, unite its members, purify their faith, and work a general reformation in all their lives. In a more particular manner, we pray thee, to be gracious to that part of thy church in theſe nations to which we belong. Pardon our great and crying ſins; turn from us thoſe judgments we have deſerved; continue to us, and increaſe thy bleſſings; make us a holy and a happy people; and ſettle us upon the ſureſt foundations of truth and righteouſneſs and peace. Bleſs thy ſervant, our ſovereign lord, the king; keep his heart in thy faith, fear and love; protect his perſon both from ſecret plots and open violence; direct his counſels, and crown all his juſt and righteous undertakings with a happy ſucceſs; and after a long and

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proſperous reign here, vouchſafe him an eaſy paſſage to the heavenly bleſſedneſs.

Have compaſſion upon all orders and degrees of men amongſt us; from the higheſt to the loweſt: And for the ſpiritual good of all, bleſs thoſe to whom thou haſt committed the care of ſouls; grant that by the purity of their doctrine, and by the integrity of their lives, they may be as burning and ſhining lights amongſt us in this wicked and perverſe generation.

Viſit with thy ſalvation, O thou father of mercies, all the ſons and daughters of affliction; give them patience under their pains, ſanctify their troubles, ſtrengthen their faith, and in thy own due time give them a happy deliverance out of all their ſufferings.

Have compaſſion upon our enemies, perſecutors and ſlanderers: Turn their hearts, and pardon all their ſins. Bleſs all our friends and relations, give to them every thing convenient for this life, and everlaſting ſalvation in the next. Laſtly, We come to thee for a bleſſing upon ourſelves; grant that ſo long as we live here upon earth, we may be kept ſtedfaſt in thy faith, fear and love; and that after death,

we may be received into the manſions of glory. Theſe things we beg of thee, with every thing elſe that thou ſeeſt to be needful for us, in the name and merits of our Lord Jeſus Chriſt, who, in compaſſion to our infirmities, has taught us thus to pray, *Our Father, &c.*

An Evening Prayer for Friday.

O Moſt holy, glorious and everlaſtingly bleſſed Lord God, We, thy weak and worthleſs creatures, do here preſent ourſelves this evening before the throne of thy grace, in all humility both of ſoul and body, moſt earneſtly beſeeching thee to look down upon us with an eye of pity and compaſſion. We confeſs, O Lord, that we are by nature ſinful, and by practice ſinners; we have offended thee in our thoughts, and words, and works, and we have very juſtly deſerved thy wrath. But deal not with us according to our ſins, nor reward us after our miſdoings,

miſdoings, but pity and ſpare us for Chriſt his ſake. Forgive us all that is paſt, and aſſiſt us by thy divine grace, to live in a willing conformity to the precepts of the goſpel all the remainder of our lives. Enlighten our minds, that we may know thee, and let us not be barren or unfruitful in that knowledge; work in us, we pray thee, a true faith, a purifying hope, and unfeigned love towards thee; give us a full truſt in thee, zeal for thee, reverence of all things that relate to thee. Make us, O God, fearful to offend thee, thankful for thy mercies, humble under thy corrections, devout in thy ſervice, ſorrowful for our ſins. And grant, that in all things we may behave ourſelves as becomes the diſciples of the Holy Jeſus; that ſo, at the laſt and great day of account, we may be found acceptable in thy ſight, and receive the bleſſed and happy ſentence which the righteous judge will then pronounce to all that love and fear him, *Well done, good and faithful ſervants, enter ye into the joy of your Lord.*

With us, we pray thee, to be merciful to the whole race of mankind. O that all the nations of the earth may acknowledge

ledge and worſhip thee, the Father everlaſting; and, that the ſacred goſpel of thy Son Jeſus Chriſt, may be preached, believed, and glorified, throughout the world. Grant, we beſeech thee, that all thoſe to whom thou haſt already revealed it, may live agreeably to its good, and juſt, and holy precepts: Eſpecially be merciful to theſe kingdoms; pardon our crying ſins, reform our practice, reconcile our differences, and unite our hearts: Remove, we pray thee, the evils we feel, prevent thoſe we have moſt juſtly deſerved; continue the mercies we enjoy, and deny us not any good that we ſtand in need of. In a more particular manner, we beſeech thee, to bleſs and proſper our Sovereign Lord the King; let religion, and virtue, and every thing that is praiſe-worthy, flouriſh under his protection; and let vice, prophaneneſs, and immorality fall before him. And grant, that all orders and degrees of men may be loyal and obedient to him, and in their ſeveral places and callings faithfully diſcharge their duties. Be gracious to all our relations, friends, and acquaintance, and give every one of them grace to do

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the will of our heavenly father. Remember all that have done us good; give them in this life a plentiful reward, and in the world to come, grant them life everlasting. Have pity upon such as hate and injure us without a cause, change their hearts and forgive their sins, that they may be thy faithful servants, and no longer enemies to us. Be merciful to all that are afflicted either in mind, body, or estate; give them patience under their sufferings, and a happy deliverance out of all their troubles; but however it shall please thee to deal with them in respect of this life, yet we humbly pray thee to take neither them nor us out of this world, till we are prepared for death, and fit for thy heavenly kingdom.

And as we do pray to thee, so we desire with the greatest humility and reverence to bless and praise thy holy name for all thy goodness and loving kindness to us and to all men. We thank thee for our creation, preservation, and for all the comforts of this life; but above all, for thine infinite love in Jesus Christ, for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. Especially at this time we do most

moſt thankfully acknowledge the mercies of this day. Bleſſed be thy name, that we have been preſerved in it, in a good meaſure, from the ſnares of the devil, from the corruptions of our own hearts, and from the dangerous temptations of this evil world; and that we have been enabled to do thee any ſervice. We thank thee for that ſucceſs which thou haſt given us in our worldly affairs. Let thy bleſſing, we pray thee, be ſtill upon us; take us this night into thy divine protection, watch over us for good, and defend us from all evil. Give us quiet and refreſhing reſt and ſleep. Theſe things, with whatever elſe thou ſeeſt to be needful for us, we humbly beg of thee for the ſake and merits of our Lord Jeſus Chriſt: Who hath taught us thus to pray, *Our Father*, *&c.* Amen.

A Morning Prayer for Saturday.

O Eternal God, the Sovereign of the world, who art of purer eyes than

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to behold unrighteouſneſs, we are very ſenſible that our ſins and iniquities do render us extremely unworthy to have any thing to ſay or to do with ſo holy a being as thou art; for we are by nature ſinful, and have daily been adding actual tranſgreſſions to that original guilt. We have neglected to do that good which thou haſt commanded us, and have frequently done that evil which thou haſt expreſly forbidden. So that if thou ſhouldeſt deal with us according to the juſt merit of our ſins, it had been better for us that we had never been born: But with thee, O Lord, there is mercy that thou mayeſt be feared. O fit us for thy mercy, by giving us a deep and a hearty repentance; and then, according to thy goodneſs, let us be received into thy favour. Look upon us in thy Son, our Bleſſed Saviour, and for the merits of his ſufferings, pardon all our offences; and aſſiſt us by thy divine grace, that we may become new creatures, and live in a ſincere, conſtant and univerſal obedience to thee all the reſt of our days. Let us have our converſation above with thee in heaven, while our abode is here upon earth. To this

this end, we pray thee, work in our hearts a true and a lively faith, that ſo we may be able to overcome all the temptations of the world, the fleſh, and the devil, and be effectually transformed to the image of Chriſt, in whom we believe. Suffer us not to think, that thou wilt be reconciled to our ſins, or reject our repentance; but teach us with all ſincerity to comply with the precepts of the goſpel, and then chearfully to depend upon thy gracious promiſes. Enable us, we beſeech thee, to keep both our bodies and ſouls pure and undefiled. Purge our hearts from pride, envy, and covetouſneſs, and from every ſinful paſſion: Make us to abhor ſloth and idleneſs; and grant, that we may employ our time, and all other talents which thou art pleaſed to intruſt us with in ſuch a prudent manner, as that at the laſt and great day of account, we may not be condemned for ſlothful and wicked ſervants. Grant, O Lord, if it be thy gracious will, that we may be ſome way or other uſeful in our generation; but however, let us not be uſeleſs to ourſelves, let us be ſo wiſe for our ſouls, as to give all poſſible diligence to make our calling

calling and election ſure; that whenever it ſhall pleaſe thee to take us out of this life, we may be happy in the next. With ourſelves, we pray thee, to be merciful to all men, give them grace truly to repent of all their ſins: Bleſs eſpecially thy holy church; and particularly be gracious to that part of it, in theſe nations to which we belong.

Grant that all orders of men amongſt us, from the higheſt to the loweſt, may live in a faithful diſcharge of their different duties. Bleſs all our relations and friends, benefactors and acquaintance; give to every one of them all things convenient for this life, and in the world to come, grant them life everlaſting. And as we pray to thee, ſo we deſire to bleſs and to praiſe thy holy name, for all the mercies and favours which from time to time thou art pleaſed to beſtow upon us; particularly for our preſervation the night paſt, and for the comfort of ſeeing one day more: And we beſeech thee to grant us thy grace, that we may expreſs our thankfulneſs, not only in words, but in ſerious and holy lives. Theſe things we do beg of thee, with every thing elſe that thou

thou ſeeſt to be needful for us, in the name and for the merits of thy Son, our Saviour, Jeſus Chriſt: Who, in compaſſion to our infirmities, has taught us thus to pray, *Our father, &c.*

An Evening Prayer for Saturday.

O Lord God Almighty, we praiſe thee and we thank thee with our whole hearts for the wonderful and great love which thou haſt expreſſed to the whole world, in ſending thy Son Jeſus Chriſt to die for the redemption of ſinners. We rejoice in that light of life: We moſt chearfully devote ourſelves to thy ſervice, O bleſſed Jeſus. We know it is our happineſs as well as our duty to be governed by thy juſt and righteous precepts: And therefore we do here again moſt heartily ſurrender our wills to thine, and do fully purpoſe, by thy divine grace and aſſiſtance, to live in the conſtant exerciſe of piety and devotion, of righteouſ-

neſs and mercy, of meekneſs and patience, of temperance and chaſtity, of truth and honeſty, together with every thing elſe that is lovely and of good report. Confirm and ſtrengthen us, we pray thee, in theſe our pious purpoſes, and let our ſincere endeavours be always followed with the inviſible aids of thy holy ſpirit, that ſo we may adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour with holy and religious lives. We do alſo moſt heartily deſire, that the reſt of mankind may be acquainted with the exceeding riches of thy grace in Jeſus Chriſt; and let all thoſe who know thy will, be ſo wiſe and ſo happy as to live in the practice of it. In a more particular manner, we pray thee to look down in pity and compaſſion upon theſe nations to which we belong; take away from us all wicked and dividing principles and practices, and grant, that as we do believe in one God, and all hope for ſalvation through one Lord Jeſus Chriſt, ſo we may all ſpeak and do the ſame things, to the glory of thy name and the good of our own ſouls. Pour down the choiceſt and the chiefeſt of thy bleſſings upon the head and heart of thy ſervant, our ſovereign,

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king George, endue him with the ſpirit of wiſdom, and judgment, and the fear of God; let his days be many, and his reign proſperous. Bleſs all orders and degrees of men amongſt us, from the higheſt to the loweſt, and give them all grace to live in a faithful diſcharge of their duties. Have compaſſion upon all our relations and friends, and give to every one of them all things convenient for this life, and, in the world to come, grant them life everlaſting. Have pity upon our enemies, and give them grace to repent and amend. Watch over us, we pray thee, this night for good, and preſerve us from all evil. Give us quiet and refreſhing reſt and ſleep, that ſo we may be the better enabled to ſerve thee in thy ſacred day that is approaching. And for as much as it is the day of reſt, which thou haſt conſecrated to thy holy ſervice, let us neither want a will or a power to ſerve thee in it. Aſſiſt us, O Lord, with ſtrength, that ſo we may ſerve thee in public; and with grace, that we may do it with an ardent deſire and a true zeal. Prepare our hearts, O God, that we may be the veſſels of thy grace, and the purified

purified temples of the Holy Ghoſt. Grant that on this next Lord's day, we may not only abſtain from wordly buſineſs, but that we may ſanctify it by the exerciſe of piety, by ardent prayers, by hearing, by reading, by ſerious meditation upon thy word, and by the works of chriſtian charity. And give, we beſeech thee, thy grace to the miniſters of thy word, that they may acquit themſelves in their reſpective charges, with care and faithfulneſs, and give a happy ſucceſs to all their labours. Laſtly, O Lord, let all our lives be nothing elſe but a wiſe preparation for that eternal reſt which thou haſt reſerved and promiſed to all thoſe that love and fear thee. Theſe things, O moſt merciful Father, we do moſt humbly beg of thee, for the ſake and worthineſs of thy Son, our Lord and Saviour, Jeſus Chriſt: Who in compaſſion to our infirmities, hath taught us thus to pray, *Our Father, &c. Amen.*

A Prayer for the Morning and Evening of any Day in the Week.

O Eternal God, thou art infinitely great, and wiſe, and good, the author and the fountain of being and bleſſedneſs. We acknowledge our unworthineſs to come into thy preſence, for we are by nature ſinful, and by practice ſinners; we have offended againſt thee ways without number in our thoughts, and words, and works, by neglecting to do that good which thou haſt commanded, and by doing that evil which thou haſt expreſly forbidden; ſo that we have very juſtly deſerved thine eternal wrath. But with thee there is mercy and forgiveneſs, that thou mayeſt be feared; deal with us, O Lord, according to thy goodneſs, and the riches of thy grace in Jeſus Chriſt, and not according to the evil of our doings. We have ſinned as men, but be thou merciful as God. Give us, we pray thee, a ſight

a ſight and a ſenſe of the error of our ways, and the danger of a wicked life; that ſo we may not only confeſs our ſins, but alſo forſake them. Create in us a clean heart, and renew a right ſpirit within us; and let us believe it to be (as indeed it is) both the duty and the intereſt of every one of us, to perform that vow and covenant which was made at our baptiſm, of profeſſing the faith of Chriſt crucified, and manfully fighting under his banner againſt all kinds of ſin; and of continuing ſtedfaſt and unmoveable in the ways of God, to the end of our lives. Make us always mindful of that time when we muſt lie down in the duſt, and of that day when we muſt be raiſed again, and called to an account for every thing that we do here in the body, whether it be good or bad. And let the thoughts of theſe things have a proper influence on our lives and actions. Cauſe us to hate every ſin; to be in love with goodneſs and virtue, and to do unto all men as we would be done by. Teach us to reverence thy name, and word, and ordinances, and to ſanctify thy holy day, and to work out our ſalvation with fear

and trembling, that ſo we may die in peace, and be happy for ever. And with us, we pray thee, to be merciful to all men; grant, that all *Jews*, *Turks*, *Infidels*, and *Heretics*, may be converted from the errors and miſtakes of their different ways, and be all brought home to the knowledge of the truth. Bleſs eſpecially thy holy church; particularly be gracious to that part of it in theſe nations to which we belong. Bleſs our Sovereign, the King, and all that are put in authority under him, that they may rule as being ruled by thy laws. And grant that all orders and degrees of men amongſt us may in their ſeveral ſtations faithfully diſcharge their duties. And for the ſpiritual good of all, bleſs thoſe to whom thou haſt committed the care of ſouls; let neither the malice of ſatan, nor the ſacrilege of men, hinder or diſcourage them from doing their duty. Have compaſſion, we beſeech thee, upon all our relations, and friends, and acquaintance; give to every one of them all things convenient for this life, and in the world to come grant them life everlaſting. Be merciful to this family; keep us all in

holineſs, love, and peace, and in our duty towards one another. Let thy bleſſing be upon our ſouls and bodies, and upon all our affairs. And as we do pray to thee, ſo we deſire to return thee all poſſible thanks and adoration for the manifold and great mercies beſtowed upon us. We thank thee, O God, for our creation and preſervation, and for all the comforts, neceſſaries, and conveniencies of this life; but above all, for the means of grace, and for the hopes of glory, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. And we beſeech thee to grant, that we may expreſs our thankfulneſs, not only in words, but in holy, ſober and religious lives, grant this good God, for thy dear Son's ſake Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

MORNING.

GOOD God, enable us this day, by thy grace, to refrain from ſin, and to ſpend it in thy fear, and in the faithful diſcharge of our duties. Let thy holy

love, and praiſe, and ſervice, be our delight and comfort, not only now, but all the days of our lives: And this we beg, for Jeſus Chriſt's ſake. *Amen.*

EVENING.

TAKE us, O Lord, we pray thee, into thy merciful protection. Refreſh us this night with ſafety, reſt and ſleep. Let no evil happen either to our ſouls or bodies: But defend us from the malice of Satan; from the violence of wicked men; from fire, and ſtorm, and terrible tempeſts, and all other ſad accidents. And let our meditation of thee be ſweet, and thy comforts ſtill delight our ſouls: That ſo, when this life is ended, we may live with thee for evermore, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord.

In whoſe name and words, according to the fulleſt ſenſe and intention of them, we ſum up theſe our imperfect prayers: *Our Father, which art in Heaven, hallowed*

be thy Name. Thy Kingdom come; Thy Will be done in Earth, as it is in Heaven. Give us this Day our daily Bread. And forgive us our treſpaſſes, as we forgive them that treſpaſs againſt us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the Kingdom, and the Power, and the Glory, for ever and ever.—Amen.

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THE PREFACE.

ALMIGHTY God, the fountain of all wiſdom, who knoweſt our neceſſities before we aſk, and our ignorance in aſking; we beſeech to have compaſſion upon our infirmities; and aſſiſt us mercifully, O Lord, in theſe our ſupplications and prayers, that we, who cannot do any thing that is good without thee, may by thee

be enabled to aſk ſuch things as may pleaſe thee, and of thy bounteous goodneſs obtain our petitions thro' Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

Confeſſion.

ALMIGHTY and moſt merciful Father, we have erred and ſtrayed from thy ways like loſt ſheep. We have followed too much the devices and deſires of our own hearts. We have offended againſt thy holy laws. We have left undone thoſe things, which we ought to have done; and we have done thoſe things, which we ought not to have done: And there is no health in us. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us miſerable offenders. Spare thou them, O God, which confeſs their faults. Reſtore thou them that are penitent; according to thy promiſes declared unto mankind in Chriſt Jeſus our Lord. And grant, O moſt merciful Father, for his ſake; that we may hereafter

hereafter live a godly, righteous, and ſober life, to the glory of thy holy name. *Amen.*

Petition for Pardon.

ALMIGHTY and everlaſting God, who hateſt nothing that thou haſt made, and doſt forgive the ſins of all them that are penitent, we beſeech thee mercifully to hear our prayers. Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we worthily lamenting our ſins, and acknowledging our wretchedneſs, may obtain of thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remiſſion and forgiveneſs, thro' Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

Remember not, Lord, our offences, nor the offences of our forefathers, neither take thou vengeance of our ſins: Spare us, good Lord, ſpare thy people, whom thou haſt redeemed with thy moſt precious blood, and be not angry with us for ever. But let thy merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of thy humble ſer-

vants; and let it pleaſe thee of thy abundant goodneſs, to give us true repentance, and to forgive us all our ſins, negligences, and ignorances, and to endue us with the grace of thy holy ſpirit, to amend our lives according to thy holy word; that we, running the way of thy commandments, may obtain thy gracious promiſes, and be made partakers of thy heavenly treaſure thro' Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

Petition for Grace.

ALMIGHTY God, to whom all hearts be open, all deſires known, and from whom no ſecrets are hid, cleanſe the thoughts of our hearts by the inſpiration of thy holy ſpirit. Give unto us the increaſe of faith, hope, and charity; graft in our hearts the love of thy name; promote in us true religion; nouriſh us with all goodneſs; make us to love that which thou doſt command, and furniſh us with ſuch a meaſure of thy grace, as that we may

may be able to withſtand the temptations of the world, the fleſh, and the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow thee the only true God; that in the laſt day, when Chriſt ſhall come in his glorious majeſty to judge both the quick and dead, we may riſe to the life immortal, thro' him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghoſt, now and for ever. *Amen.*

O God, the ſtrength of all them that put their truſt in thee, mercifully accept our ſupplications and prayers, and becauſe thro' the weakneſs of our mortal nature, we can do no good thing without thee, grant us the help of thy grace, that our fleſh may be ſubdued to the ſpirit, and that we may ever obey thy godly motions in righteouſneſs and true holineſs. Mortify and kill in us every evil and corrupt affection; and let thy grace always prevent and follow us, that we may be continually given to all good works; and by the innocency of our lives and the conſtancy of our faith, even unto death, may glorify thy holy name, thro' Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

Petition

Petition for Preſervation.

O LORD, who never faileſt to help and govern them whom thou doſt bring up in thy ſtedfaſt fear and love, keep us, we beſeech thee, under the protection of thy good providence, and make us to have a perpetual fear and love of thy holy name. Keep us, we beſeech thee, from all things that may hurt us. Increaſe and multiply upon us thy mercy, that thou being our Ruler and Guide, we may be ready both in body and ſoul chearfully to accompliſh thoſe things that thou wouldſt have done, and may ſo paſs thro' things temporal, that we finally loſe not the things eternal. Grant this, O heavenly Father, for Jeſus Chriſt's ſake, our bleſſed Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

O Lord God, who ſeeſt that we put not our truſt in any thing that we do, mercifully grant, that by thy power we may be defended againſt all adverſity, and kept both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our ſouls, from all evil and miſchief, from ſin, from the crafts and aſſaults of

of the devil, from thy wrath, and from everlaſting damnation. We ſinners do beſeech thee to hear us, O Lord God, and that it may pleaſe thee to give us hearts to love and dread thee, and diligently to live after thy commandments; that ſo among the ſundry and manifold changes and chances of the world, our hearts may ſurely there be fixed, where true joys are to be found, thro' Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

MORNING.

O GOD, who art the author of peace, and lover of concord, in knowledge of whom ſtandeth our eternal life, whoſe ſervice is perfect freedom, defend us thy humble ſervants in all aſſaults of our enemies, that we ſurely truſting in thy defence may not fear the power of any adverſaries, thro' the merits of Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlaſting God, who haſt ſafely

brought us to the beginning of this day, defend us in the ſame by thy mighty power; and grant, that this day we may fall into no ſin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings may be ordered by thy governance, to do that which is righteous in thy ſight, thro' Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

EVENING.

O GOD, from whom all holy deſires, all good counſels, and all juſt works do proceed, give unto thy ſervants that peace which the world cannot give, that both our hearts may be ſet to obey thy commandments; and alſo, that by thee we being defended from the fear of our enemies, may paſs our time in reſt and quietneſs, thro' the merits of Jeſus Chriſt our Saviour. *Amen.*

Lighten our darkneſs, we beſeech thee, O Lord, and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night, for the love of thy only Son our Saviour Jeſus Chriſt. *Amen.*

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O GOD, the Creator and Preſerver of all mankind, we humbly beſeech thee for all ſorts and conditions of men, that thou wouldſt be pleaſed to make thy ways known unto them, thy ſaving health unto all nations. Have mercy upon all *Jews*, *Turks*, *Infidels*, and *Heretics*, and take from them all ignorance, and hardneſs of heart, and contempt of thy word; and ſo fetch them home, bleſſed Lord, to thy flock, that they may be ſaved among the remnant of the true *Iſraelites*, and be made one fold under one ſhepherd Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. More eſpecially we pray for the good eſtate of the Catholic Church, that it may be ſo guided and governed by thy good ſpirit, that all who profeſs and call themſelves chriſtians, may be led into the way of truth; and as they are admitted into the fellowſhip of Chriſt's religion, ſo they may eſchew thoſe things that are contrary to their profeſſion, and follow all ſuch things as are agreeable to the ſame; holding the faith in unity of ſpirit, in the bond

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them into the knowledge and obedience of thy word, that in the end they may obtain everlasting life. And together with them, do thou, O God the Father of mercies, and lover of souls, who art kind to the unthankful and to the evil, and hast commanded us to extend our charity even to those that hate us, we most humbly beseech thee to forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers. Give them a due sense of their wickedness; shed abroad thy love in their hearts, and endue them with a meek, a humble, and a charitable spirit. And finally we commend to thy fatherly goodness all those who are any ways afflicted or distressed in mind, body, or estate; beseeching thee, that it may please thee to comfort and relieve them according to their several necessities, giving them patience under their sufferings, and a happy issue out of all their afflictions. And this we beg for Jesus Christ's sake. *Amen.*

Thanksgiving.

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ALMIGHTY God, Father of all mercies, we thine unworthy ſervants do give thee moſt humbly and hearty thanks for all thy goodneſs and loving kindneſs to us and to all men. We bleſs thee for our creation, preſervation [*that of this day, or this night*] and all the bleſſings of this life. But above all, for thine ineſtimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jeſus Chriſt, for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And we alſo bleſs thy holy name for all thy ſervants departed this life in thy faith and fear, beſeeching thee to give us grace, that we may follow their good examples. And give us we pray thee ſuch a due ſenſe of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful, and that we may ſhew forth thy praiſe not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up ourſelves to thy ſervice, and by walking before thee in righteouſneſs and holineſs all our days, thro' Jeſus Chriſt our Lord: To whom with thee and the Holy Ghoſt, be

be all honour and glory world without end. *Amen.*

The Concluding Prayer.

ALMIGHTY God, who haſt promiſed to hear the petitions of them that aſk in thy Son's name, we beſeech thee mercifully to incline thine ears to us, who have now made our prayers and ſupplications unto thee; and grant, that thoſe things which we have faithfully aſked according to thy will, may effectually be obtained to the relief of our neceſſities and the ſetting forth of thy glory, thro' Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. In whoſe name and words we beſeech thee to hear us, according to the fulleſt ſenſe and intention of them.

Our Father which art in Heaven, hallowed be thy Name; thy Kingdom come; thy Will be done in Earth, as it is in Heaven. Give us this Day our daily Bread; and forgive us our Treſpaſſes, as we forgive them that treſpaſs againſt us. And lead us not into

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be all honour and glory world without end. *Amen.*

The Concluding Prayer.

ALMIGHTY God, who haſt promiſed to hear the petitions of them that aſk in thy Son's name, we beſeech thee mercifully to incline thine ears to us, who have now made our prayers and ſupplications unto thee; and grant, that thoſe things which we have faithfully aſked according to thy will, may effectually be obtained to the relief of our neceſſities and the ſetting forth of thy glory, thro' Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. In whoſe name and words we beſeech thee to hear us, according to the fulleſt ſenſe and intention of them.

Our Father which art in Heaven, hallowed be thy Name; thy Kingdom come; thy Will be done in Earth, as it is in Heaven. Give us this Day our daily Bread; and forgive us our Treſpaſſes, as we forgive them that treſpaſs againſt us. And lead us not into

into Temptation, but deliver us from Evil. For thine is the Kingdom and the Power, and the Glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

COLLECTS to be inſerted in this DAILY PRAYER upon particular Occaſions.

In the Morning of every Lord's Day let this following Collect be inſerted juſt before the Interceſſion.

BLESSED Lord, who haſt cauſed all holy ſcriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may in ſuch wiſe hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digeſt them, that by patience and comfort of thy holy word we may embrace and ever hold faſt the bleſſed hope of everlaſting life, which thou haſt given us in our Saviour Jeſus Chriſt. *Amen.*

In the Evening of the Lord's Day let this Collect be uſed in the ſame Place.

GRANT, we beſeech thee, Almighty God, that the words which we have heard this day with our outward ears, may

may through thy grace be ſo grafted inwardly in our hearts, that they may bring forth in us the fruit of good living, to the honour and praiſe of thy name, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

Occasional Prayers for the Sick to be inſerted in our daily Prayers immediately after the interceſſion.

A Prayer for a perſon in the beginning of his Sickneſs.

O Almighty God, merciful and gracious, who in thy juſtice didſt ſend ſorrow and tears, ſickneſs and death into the world, as a puniſhment for man's ſin; and haſt comprehended all under ſin, and this ſad covenant of ſufferings not to deſtroy us, but that thou mighteſt have mercy upon all, making thy juſtice to miniſter to mercy, ſhort afflictions to an eternal weight of glory; as thou haſt been pleaſed to turn the ſins of this thy ſervant into ſickneſs,

neſs, ſo turn, we beſeech thee, his ſickneſs to the advantage of holineſs and religion, of mercy and pardon, of faith and hope, of grace and glory. Thou haſt now called *him* to the fellowſhip of ſufferings; Lord, by the means of thy religion, let *his* preſent condition be ſo ſanctified, that his ſufferings may be united to the ſufferings of *his* Lord; that ſo thou mayſt pity and aſſiſt *him*, relieve *his* ſorrow and ſupport *his* ſpirit, direct *his* thoughts, and ſanctify the accidents of *his* ſickneſs; that the puniſhment of *his* ſin may be to *him* a ſchool of virtue; in which, ſince thou haſt now entered *him*, Lord make *him* an holy proficient; that *he* may behave *himſelf* as a ſon under diſcipline, humbly and obediently, evenly and penitently, that *he* may be brought by this means nearer to thee; that if *he* ſhall go forth of this ſickneſs by the gate of life and health, *he* may return to the world with great ſtrength of ſpirit, to run a new race of a ſtricter holineſs and a more ſevere religion: or if *he* paſs from hence through the gates of death, *he* may enter into the boſom of *his* Lord, and may feel the preſent joys of certain hope of that ſea of pleaſures, in which all thy

ſaints

ſaints and ſervants ſhall be comprehended to eternal ages. Grant this, for Jeſus Chriſt his ſake, our deareſt Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

A Prayer for Thankfulneſs in Sickneſs.

O God, wonderful both in thy mercies and judgments! grant that the ſenſe of thy ſervant's preſent afflictions may not cauſe *him* to forget thy former mercies, which thou haſt poured out to *him (and to us all)* unworthy of them: O therefore let the remembrance of thoſe many and great bleſſings *he* hath ſo long enjoyed at thy hands, be now the proper motives and incentives to *his* virtues of patience and humility, cauſing *him* chearfully to reſign *himſelf* to thy bleſſed will under all the diſpenſations of thy providence, though never ſo hard; and patiently to wait for the return of thy loving kindneſs in Jeſus, which is better than life. *Amen.*

A Prayer for a Bleſſing on the Means uſed for a ſick Perſon's Recovery.

O Gracious Lord, by whoſe word man lives, and not by any human means alone, direct, we pray thee, the counſels of thoſe who preſcribe to this thy ſervant, and proſper the medicines which are uſed to procure *him* eaſe and ſtrength: But let not *his* confidence in them leſſen any thing of his dependance on *thee*, but make *him* ſenſible, that every good gift is from thee, and that it is thou, that giveſt us help in time of need: To whom therefore, but to thee, ſhould we flee in the day of our viſitation? Since it is thy bleſſing only that maketh the means we uſe effectual; and however vain the uſe of them is without thee, if thou biddeſt them, the things or accidents which we do not think of, or ſet leaſt by, ſhall recover us. O, therefore, as their part, who adminiſter to *him*, is the care, ſo let thine, O God, be the bleſſing, and *his* the comfort: and as *he* regards them as thy inſtruments, ſo let *him* own thee for the author of *his* mercies, and to thee give thanks, and pay *his* vows and

ſervices, through our dear Lord and Saviour Jeſus Chriſt. *Amen.*

A Prayer for a ſick Perſon, when there appeareth ſome Hope of Recovery.

WE thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that thou haſt heard our prayers for thy afflicted ſervant, and given *him* ſome reſpite and hopes of recovery from this great illneſs. Bleſſed be thy goodneſs! that *he* hath not made *his* bed in the duſt, but is likely to continue ſtill amongſt us, in the land of the living. Bleſſed be thy goodneſs for ſo great a mercy to *him*. And O thou preſerver of men, who haſt begun to revive and quicken *him* again; go on to perfect that which belongs to *his* cure, and forſake not the work of thy own hands. Repair all the decays in *his* outward man, that *his* mind may alſo recover its former ſtrength, to praiſe and bleſs thy goodneſs to *him*. And viſit *him* in the mean time

with thy heavenly conſolation from above. Fill *him* with comfortable thoughts of thy love, and of the tender, compaſſionate care which our Lord Jeſus takes of all his afflicted ſervants. Endue *him* ſtill with more patient ſubmiſſion to thy will, and enable *him* both quietly to wait upon thee, till thou haſt finiſhed *his* recovery, and alſo to continue ſtedfaſtly reſolved to ſerve thee more faithfully with *his* reſtored ſtrength, through Jeſus Chriſt our moſt bleſſed Saviour and Redeemer. *Amen.*

A Prayer for one who is dangerouſly ill.

O Almighty God, gracious and merciful, and long ſuffering, whoſe compaſſions fail not, look down, we beſeech thee, upon the low and diſtreſſed ſtate of thy ſervant, now lying in the extremity of ſickneſs. The harder *his* illneſs preſſes upon *him*, the louder does it call upon thee for help. O be merciful therefore unto *him* according to the neceſſity

ſity of *his* caſe, and according to the multitude of thy tender mercies in Jeſus Chriſt. Rebuke the diſtemper, that it prevail not over *him* to death, but turn his malevolent aſpect into a joyous expectation of life. In as great danger as *he* is, yet if thou wilt, O Lord, we know, thou canſt make him whole; if thou ſpeakeſt the word, it ſhall be done. In ſubmiſſion therefore to thy moſt wiſe and good diſpoſal of all things, we beg this mercy at thy hands, that thou wouldſt let this bitter cup paſs away from thy ſervant, and cauſe a way for *him* to eſcape out of this dangerous condition, O ſpare *him* a little and *his* ſoul ſhall live. *Amen.*

A Prayer for a ſick Perſon, when Sickneſs continues long upon him.

LOOK down, O Lord, we humbly beſeech thee, with an eye of compaſſion on thy poor diſtreſſed ſervant, who hath lain ſo long under the heavy wrath of thy

diſpleaſure, and by how much the outward man is decayed and brought low, by the tedioufneſs of the diſtemper continuing on *him*; by ſo much the more do thou be pleaſed to aſſiſt *him* in the inner man, by the gracious aſſiſtance of thy holy ſpirit. Give *him* unfeigned repentance for all the errors of *his* paſt life, and ſtedfaſt faith in thy ſon Jeſus Chriſt; a comfortable aſſurance of the truth of all his precious promiſes, a lively hope of that immortal bliſs in which he reigns for evermore, and a ſtrong ſenſe of thy fatherly love to *him*, and care over *him* under this *his* ſore affliction, which may make *him* heartily love thee, and entirely confide in thee, and abſolutely reſign both ſoul and body to thy wiſe diſpoſal. We know there is nothing too hard for thee, but that if thou wilt, thou canſt bring *him* up even from the gates of death, and grant *him* a longer continuance among us. May it be thy good pleaſure, O moſt gracious God, ſtill to continue *him*; ſpare *him*, O Lord, and deliver *him* alſo ſpeedily from this miſery, under which *he* hath ſo long groaned. Bleſs the means that are uſed for *his* recovery, and for the ſupport of *his* ſpirits, and give

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him refreſhment during this tedious ſickneſs. Releaſe *him* from *his* pain, or grant *him* ſome eaſe, or elſe increaſe and ſtrengthen *his* patience. Help *him* in remembrance of thy paſt loving kindneſs to truſt in thy goodneſs, and ſubmit to thy wiſdom, and bear with an equal mind what thou thinkeſt fit to lay upon *him*; and *he* approving *himſelf* to thee in theſe and all other virtues, while thou trieſt *him* by ſo ſore an affliction, may ſay at the laſt, with the holy Pſalmiſt, "It was good for me, that I was in trouble." Unto thy infinite mercies we recommend *him*, and to the compaſſionate kindneſs of our Lord Jeſus Chriſt, who we hope will hear all the prayers of his friends for *him* every where, and ſend his good angels to be *his* guardians, and direct thoſe who are to adviſe and preſcribe the means of *his* reſtoration, and bring *him* to praiſe thee again in the aſſemblies of thy ſaints upon earth; or, if thou haſt otherwiſe diſpoſed in thy wiſe counſels, to praiſe thee in the great aſſembly of ſaints and angels in heaven, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord, and only Saviour, to whom with thee and

the holy ſpirit be all praiſe, love and obedience, world without end. *Amen.*

A Prayer for ſpiritual Improvement by Sickneſs.

O Merciful Father, who ſcourgeſt thoſe thou loveſt, and chaſtiſeſt thoſe thou wilt receive; let thy loving correction purge out all the droſs of thy ſervant, and make *him* great in thy favour by *his* preſent humiliation. O let *him* learn thy ſtatutes in this ſchool of affliction: Let *him* ſeek thee early in it, and when *his* heart is overwhelmed, lead *him* to the rock that is higher than *he*.—Let thy rod awaken *him* from *his* former ſecurity in ſin, and let *him* ſenſibly find, that thou chaſtiſeſt *him* for *his* profit, that *he* may be partaker of thy holineſs. Teach *him* by this proof of thy fatherly correction, to be more dutiful for the time to come; to repent *him* of *his* former miſcarriages, and to redeem the time paſt by a double diligence for the future,

future, if thou ſhalt in mercy raiſe *him* up again. Let the remainder of *his* life be thine, and let nothing ſeparate *him* from thy love and ſervice; but let it be *his* whole care and ſtudy to provide oyl for *his* lamp, and to trim and adorn *his* ſoul for eternity. That ſo all the days of *his* appointed time *he* may wait till *his* change come, and be ready whenſoever *his* Lord ſhall call *him*. *Amen.*

A Prayer for a ſick Perſon, who intends to receive the bleſſed Sacrament.

O Thou infinite and eternal ſpirit, from whom every good motion of our heart proceedeth! who both quickeneſt the dead, and after thou haſt given life, giveſt the increaſe; increaſe, we beſeech thee, the good ſeeds of thy grace, which thou haſt ſown in the heart of thy ſervant, by inclining *him* to receive the ſacrament of the body and blood of our Lord, in which thou art more immediately

ately preſent, to illuminate the faithful, and to comfort and refreſh all that are weary, and heavy laden with their ſins. Come down O Lord, as fire, upon all that are thus heavenly minded, to conſume their droſs and purify, their affections, and to inflame them with ſeraphical love, that, with St. Peter in his transfiguration, upon coming to thy heavenly banquet, they may ſay in extaſies of joy and admiration, *It is good for us to be here.* O cauſe thy face thus comfortably to ſhine upon thy diſtreſſed ſervant, who intends to draw near to thee in the ſacrament, as thou haſt commanded *him.* Let *his* ſoul be ſatisfied as with marrow and fatneſs when *he* ſhall praiſe thee there with joyful lips. Help *him* in the mean time, O Lord, to fit and prepare *himſelf* for the due reception of ſuch holy myſteries. Fill *his* ſoul with reverence and godly fear; with earneſt deſires and longings after the divine life; with ſerious repentance for all *his* paſt miſcarriages, and hearty reſolutions of living for ever after unto Jeſus who died for *him.* O let *him* receive a broken, and a bleeding Saviour, with a broken and contrite heart, which thou haſt promiſed not to depiſe.

Forgive

Forgive *him* all that is paſt, and give *him* grace for the future to live more ſoberly, righteouſly, and godly in this preſent world, if it ſhall be thy good pleaſure to continue *him* in it. Raiſe *his* affections from earth to heaven, and let *him* hunger and thirſt after righteouſneſs, as *he* was wont to do after his bodily ſuſtenance. As the hart panteth after the water-brooks, ſo let *his* heart pant after thee, O God, that with deſire *he* may deſire to eat this paſſover, and be filled with all ſpiritual joys and conſolations from thenceforth for evermore. *Amen.*

A Prayer for a ſick Perſon, when there appeareth ſmall Hope of Recovery.

O FATHER of mercies, and God of all comfort, our only help in time of need; we fly unto thee for ſuccour in behalf of this thy ſervant here lying under thy hand in great weakneſs of body. Look graciouſly upon *him*, O Lord, and the

more the outward man decayeth, ſtrengthen *him*, we beſeech thee, ſo much the more continually with thy grace and holy ſpirit in the inner man. Give *him* unfeigned repentance for all the errors of *his* life paſt, and ſtedfaſt faith in thy Son Jeſus, that *his* ſins may be done away by thy mercy, and *his* pardon ſealed in heaven, before *he* go hence, and be no more ſeen. We know, O Lord, that there is no word impoſſible with thee, and that, if thou wilt, thou canſt even yet raiſe *him* up, and grant *him* a longer continuance amongſt us. Yet foraſmuch as in all appearance the time of *his* diſſolution draweth near, ſo fit and prepare *him*, we beſeech thee, againſt the hour of death, that after *his* departure hence in peace and in thy favour, *his* ſoul may be received into thine everlaſting kingdom, thro' the merits and mediation of Jeſus Chriſt, thine only Son, our Lord and Saviour. *Amen*.

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A general Prayer for Preparation and Readineſs to die.

LORD, what is our life but a vapour, which appears for a little time, and then vaniſheth away! Even at the longeſt, how ſhort; and at the ſtrongeſt, how frail! And when we think ourſelves moſt ſecure, yet we know not what a day may bring forth to turn us out of all; nor how ſoon thou mayſt come, before we are aware, to call us to our laſt account. And yet, O Lord, how unmindful are we all of our latter end! How improvident of our time! How careleſs of our ſouls, and negligent in our preparations for eternity! So that thou mighteſt juſtly cut us off in the midſt of our ſins, and unpreparedneſs to appear before thee. But O God of all comfort and mercy, remember not our ſins againſt thee, but remember thy own love to us in Jeſus Chriſt, and thy tender mercies which have been ever of old; and make us remember how ſhort our time is, and ſo teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wiſdom. And with us, quicken thy ſervant,

vant, O Lord, into a powerful and ſerious conſideration of theſe things, now thou haſt brought *him* into a more intimate acquaintance with them. Inſtruct *him*, good Lord, and aſſiſt *him* in this great work of preparation to die. Shew *him* how to do it, and help *him* with good ſucceſs to perform it, that when the time of *his* diſſolution draweth near, *he* may have nothing elſe to do, but to reſign *himſelf* chearfully and willingly into thy hands, as into the hands of a merciful Creator, there to reign with thee for ever in that bleſſed place, where ſin and ſickneſs and death ſhall be no more. *Amen.*

A commendatory Prayer for a ſick Perſon at the point of Departure.

O Almighty God, with whom do live the ſpirits of juſt men made perfect, after they are delivered from their earthly priſons, we humbly commend the ſoul of this thy ſervant our dear *brother* into thy hands,

hands, as into the hands of a faithful Creator and moſt merciful Saviour; moſt humbly beſeeching thee, that it may be precious in thy ſight. Waſh it we pray thee in the blood of that immaculate Lamb, that was ſlain to take away the ſins of the world; that whatſoever defilements it may have contracted in the midſt of this miſerable and naughty world thro' the luſts of the fleſh, or the wiles of ſatan, being purged and done away, it may be preſented pure and without ſpot before thee. And teach us, who ſurvive in this, and other daily ſpectacles of mortality, to ſee how frail and uncertain our own condition is, and ſo to number our days that we may ſeriouſly apply our hearts to that holy and heavenly wiſdom, while we live here, which may in the end bring us to life everlaſting, thro' the merits of Jeſus Chriſt thine only Son our Lord. *Amen.*

O Saviour of the world, who by thy croſs and precious blood haſt redeemed us, ſave and help this thy departing ſervant, we beſeech thee, O Lord.

Unto thy gracious mercy and protection we commit *him.* O God the Father, bleſs *him*, and keep *him.* O God the Son, make

make thy face to ſhine upon *him*, and be gracious unto *him*. O God the Holy Ghoſt, lift up thy countenance upon *him*, and give *him* thy peace both now and evermore. *Amen*.

Prayers for a ſick Child.

O Almighty God and merciful Father, to whom alone belong the iſſues of life and death, look down from heaven, we humbly beſeech thee, with the eyes of mercy upon this child now lying upon the bed of ſickneſs. Viſit *him*, O Lord, with thy ſalvation; deliver *him* in thy good appointed time from *his* bodily pain, and ſave *his* ſoul for thy mercy's ſake; that if it ſhall be thy good pleaſure to prolong *his* days here on earth, *he* may live to thee, and be an inſtrument of thy glory, by ſerving thee faithfully, and doing good in *his* generation: Or elſe receive *him* into thoſe heavenly habitations, where the ſouls of them that ſleep in the Lord Jeſus enjoy

joy perpetual reſt and felicity. Grant this, O Lord, for thy mercy's ſake in the ſame thy Son our Lord Jeſus Chriſt, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghoſt, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Almighty and immortal God, the aid of all that need, the helper of all that flee to thee for ſuccour, the life of them that believe, and the reſurrection of the dead, we call upon thee for this child, and as thou haſt promiſed by thy well-beloved Son, ſaying, Aſk and ye ſhall have, ſeek and ye ſhall find, knock and it ſhall be opened unto you; ſo give now unto us that aſk; let us that now ſeek, find; open the gate unto us that knock, that this child may enjoy the everlaſting benediction of thy heavenly grace, and may come to the eternal kingdom, which thou haſt promiſed by Chriſt our Lord.

Defend, O Lord, this thy child with thy heavenly grace, that *he* may continue thine for ever, and daily increaſe in thy holy ſpirit more and more, until *he* come unto thine everlaſting kingdom. *Amen.*

Lord, pity the troubles and weakneſs of this poor child, and pity our ſorrows, who

who are afflicted with it, and for it. Eaſe it of its pains, and ſtrengthen it when it lies ſtruggling for life: Raiſe it up again, if it may pleaſe thee, to grow in years and ſtature, in wiſdom and thy fear, and thereby to comfort us and glorify thee. We believe, O Almighty Father, that thou knoweſt beſt what is fit both for it and us, and wilt do what is beſt for both; and therefore we leave it to thee, to diſpoſe of as thou pleaſeſt. But whether it be to life or death, let it be thine in both, and either preſerve it to be thy true and faithful ſervant here on earth, or take it to the bleſſedneſs of thy children in the kingdom of heaven, thro' our Lord and Saviour Jeſus Chriſt. *Amen.*

Occasional Prayers for the Sick, and Calamitous, in Extraordnary Caſes.

A Prayer for a Perſon who, from a State of Health, is ſuddenly taken with the Symptoms of Death.

O MOST gracious Father, Lord of heaven and earth, Judge of the living

ing and the dead, behold thy ſervants running to thee for pity and mercy, in behalf of ourſelves and this thy ſervant, whom thou haſt ſmitten with thy haſty rod, and a ſwift angel. It was but lately, that we beheld *him* in as promiſing a ſtate of health and life, as any one of us ſeems to be in at preſent; and therefore our ſurprize is ſo much the greater to behold ſo ſudden a change, and ſo unlook'd for an inſtance of our frail mortality. We know, O Lord, thou canſt bring thy ſervant back from the mouth of the grave, and as ſuddenly raiſe *him* again, as thou haſt caſt *him* down: And therefore we think it not too late to implore thy mercy upon *him* for *his* recovery. At leaſt we beg of thee to ſpare *him* a little, that *he* may recover *his* ſtrength, and have time to make *his* peace with thee, before *he* go hence, and be no more ſeen. But if it be thy will to tranſlate *him* hence by a ſpeedy death into another world, O! let the miracles of thy compaſſion, and thy wonderful mercy ſupply to *him* the want of the uſual meaſures of time, to trim and adorn *his* lamp, and to fit *him* for eternity. And let the greatneſs of *his* calamity be a means to procure

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his pardon for thoſe defects and degrees of unreadineſs, which, it may be, hath cauſed this accident upon thy ſervant. And teach us all, we beſeech thee, from this unexpected fate of our *brother*, to be continually upon our guard, and to watch and pray, ſince we know not the hour, when the maſter of the houſe cometh, whether at even, or at midnight, or at the cock-crowing, or in the morning. Lord, thou haſt now called thy ſervant before *he* was aware of it: O give *him* ſuch a great and effectual repentance in this *his* exigence, that in a ſhort time it may be ſufficient to do the work of many days. Thou regardeſt, O Lord, the meaſures of the ſincerity of our hearts more than the meaſures of time in our converſion. Accept therefore, we beſeech thee, the few minutes of thy ſervants unfeigned tears and humiliation for *his* ſins, as tho' they were hours or days of a longer preparation. And let it be thy pleaſure to reſcue *him* from all the evils *he* deſerves, and all the evils *he* fears, that in the ſongs of eternity, which angels and ſaints ſhall ſing to the glory of thy attributes, this alſo may be reckoned amongſt thy

thy invaluable mercies, that thou haſt redeemed *his* ſoul from eternal death, and made *him* partaker of the gift of God, eternal life, thro' Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

A Prayer for a Perſon in a Conſumption, or any lingering Diſeaſe.

O Good God, thou haſt long kept thy ſervant under thy chaſtening hand: Thou haſt made *him* acquainted with grief, and *his* ſickneſs is even become *his* old familiar companion. Yet, O bleſſed Lord, grant that *he* may not think it long to wait thy leiſure, who art pleaſed to wait ſo long for the return of a ſinner, and who art very pitiful and of tender mercy, having kind intentions even in thy bitter diſpenſations: Yea, chaſteneſt whom thou loveſt, and ſcourgeth every ſon whom thou receiveſt. Teach *him*, O gracious Father, to ſee love in thy rod, as well as juſtice in all thy dealings; that *he* may humble *himſelf* under thy mighty hand,

hand, and alſo think it good for *him* to be afflicted, and patiently wait for the Lord, in hopes of good out of this evil, and at laſt an happy concluſion of the long viſitation. Bleſſed be thy name, O Father of mercies, that thou doſt not pour out all thy wrath; but in judgment thinkeſt upon mercy, to make the afflictions ſupportable, giving ſome eaſe and relaxation from torturing pains, and mingling many good ingredients with this bitter potion. O make *him* ſo ſenſible of thy kindneſs, that *he* may be not only contented, but thankful under thy hand. Yet that *his* faith may not fail, nor *his* patience be wearied out, return, O Lord, at the laſt, and give thy ſervant a diſcharge from this warfare, and ſay to the affliction, *It is enough.* Make *him* glad according to the time wherein thou haſt afflicted *him*, and wherein *he* hath ſuffered ſo much adverſity. And till thou ſhalt pleaſe to remember *him* in ſuch mercy, O grant, that *he* may neither deſpiſe thy chaſtening, nor faint under thy rebukes; but take all as *he* ought, and employ the time which thou lendeſt, and improve the affliction which thou continueſt, as a gracious opportunity

portunity for *his* ſoul's advantage: That under the decays of the outer man, the inner may be renewed day by day; and all that is wanting in *his* ſpiritual concerns may be filled up, and whatever pertains to *his* everlaſting ſalvation be promoted and perfected, thro' the riches of thy grace, and the multitude of thy mercies in Jeſus Chriſt. *Amen.*

A Prayer for a Perſon whoſe Illneſs is chiefly brought on him by ſome calamitous Diſaſter or Loſs, as of Eſtate, Relation, or Friends, &c.

O MOST great and glorious Lord God of heaven and earth, ſupreme Judge and governor of the world, in whom we live, and move, and have our being, and from whom all the bleſſings we enjoy, and every good and perfect gift cometh, grant us, we moſt humbly beſeech thee, ſuch a meaſure of thy grace, that when at any time thou art pleaſed to remove any

any of thy bleſſings from us, we may bear it with a perfect ſubmiſſion and reſignation to thy divine will, and with all patience and contentedneſs of ſpirit, conſidering how unworthy we are of any of the leaſt of thy mercies. More particularly, O Lord, we beg of thee at preſent, to ſend this peaceableneſs and contentedneſs of mind on this thy ſervant, whom thou haſt ſo ſenſibly touched, and taken ſo near and dear a bleſſing from *him*. O give *him* ſuch a portion of thy bleſſed ſpirit, and ſuch a lively ſenſe of *his* duty, that *he* may have power to ſurmount all the difficulties *he* labours under; and freely to reſign all *his* thoughts and deſires unto thee, ſubmiting *himſelf* entirely to thy good providence, and reſolving by thy gracious aſſiſtance to reſt contented with whatſoever thou in thy wiſdom appointeſt for *him*. Let *him* ſay with good old *Eli*, *It is the Lord, let him do what ſeemeth him good*; or with holy *Job*, *The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away, bleſſed be the name of the Lord*. Thou knoweſt, O Lord, the weakneſs and frailty of our nature, and therefore be pleaſed to comfort *him* in this bed of ſickneſs, and

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eſtabliſh *him* with the light of thy countenance again, and grant that no repining thoughts may add fuel to the fire, and increaſe *his* illneſs or diſorder, or diſcompoſe *his* duty towards thee, or *his* neighbour; but help *him* rather to think wherein *he* hath offended thee, and carefully to amend it; to ſet *his* affections on things above, and not on things below, and to lay up for *himſelf* treaſures in heaven, even the treaſures of a good life, which no diſaſters or calamities ſhall ever be able to take from *him.* Grant this, O heavenly Father, for the alone merits of thy Son Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

A Prayer for one who is afflicted with grievous Pains of his Body.

O Bleſſed God, juſt and holy, who doſt not afflict willingly, nor grieve the children of men, with-hold not, we pray thee, thy aſſiſtance from this thy ſervant in this *his* ſharp and painful condi-

tion. Thine arrows ſtick faſt in *him*, and thy hand preſſeth *him* ſore. Thou haſt made *him* to poſſeſs [months or] days of vanity, and weariſome nights are appointed to *him*. When *he* lieth down, *he* is tempted to ſay, when ſhall I ariſe, and the night be gone? And *he* is full of toſſings to and fro, unto the dawning of the day. *He* is feeble and ſore ſmitten; *he* roareth for the very anguiſh of *his* pain. *His* ſorrows are enlarged, *his* pain is great, and *his* ſoul is full of trouble. And *he* has none to ſeek to for eaſe and mitigation of *his* agonies, but to thee, O Lord. *He* freely owns *his* ſufferings to be far leſs than *he* has deſerved, and that it is purely of thy goodneſs, that they have not been far worſe than they are. But yet ſince they pierce deep, and are become almoſt too hard for *him* to bear, we preſume to call upon thee, O Lord, for aid, and to intreat thee not to puniſh *him* according to *his* deſerts: For if thou, Lord, ſhouldſt be extreme to mark what is done amiſs; O Lord, who may abide it? Spare *him*, therefore, for thy mercy's ſake, and correct *him* not, O Lord, but with judgment, not in thine anger, leſt thou bring *him* to

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nothing. Endue *him* with that patience which may enable *him* chearfully to ſubmit to thy chaſtiſement, and grant *him* that hearty repentance for all *his* ſins, which may invite thee to put an end to this *his* ſore correction. Suffer *him* not to be tried beyond *his* ſtrength; lay no more on *him*, than thou wilt enable *him* to bear: Comfort thou *his* ſoul, which melts away for very heavineſs, and let thy loving mercy come unto *him*, O Lord, according to thy word. Hear our prayer according to thy loving kindneſs, and quicken thy ſervant, as thou art wont. Sanctify thy rod to *him*, that it may be for thy glory, and *his* advantage. And when thy gracious ends in afflicting *him* ſhall be once accompliſhed, which we know are not for thy pleaſure, but for *his* profit, remove, we beſeech thee, thy hand from *him*, and give *him* a freſh occaſion to rejoice in thy ſaving health, thro' Jeſus Chriſt our bleſſed Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

A Prayer for a Perſon in the Small-pox, or any ſuch-like raging infectious Diſeaſe.

O Lord God, the giver of health, which ſweetens all other bleſſings of life; without which, in the midſt of the greateſt affluence of all worldly proſperity, we are wretched and miſerable; look down, we beſeech thee, with an eye of compaſſion upon thy poor diſconſolate ſervant, from whom thou haſt taken this great and valuable bleſſing of life, and inſtead thereof brought *him* into ſo great trouble and miſery, that *he* mourns all the day long, and all the night *he* waſhes *his* bed, and watereth *his* couch with *his* tears. For *his* loins are filled with a ſore diſeaſe, and there is no whole part in *his* body. Teach *him*, O Lord, and teach *us* all from hence to conſider how ſoon the beauty of life is blaſted like a flower of the field, and our ſtrength dried up like a potſherd, when thou hideſt thyſelf from us; that we may not put our truſt in any of thoſe tranſitory things, but in thee only, the living God, who art able to ſave and to deſtroy, to kill, and to make alive.

alive. O reject *him* not utterly, but take thy plague away from *him*, for *he* is even conſumed by the means of thy heavy hand. Return, O Lord, and that ſpeedily; for *his* ſpirit faileth. O leave *him* not to himſelf, for tho' *he* is become a monſter unto many, yet *his* ſure truſt is in thee. To thee, O Lord, doth he cry; to thee doth *he* ſtretch forth *his* hands; *his* ſoul thirſteth after thee as a thirſty land. Lord! all *his* deſire is before thee, and *his* groaning is not hid from thee. Comfort *him* therefore again, now after the time that thou haſt plagued *him*, and for the days wherein *he* hath ſuffered adverſity. And cover us alſo under the ſhadow of thy wings, that we may not be afraid for any terror by night, nor for the arrow that flieth by day; nor for the peſtilence that walketh in darkneſs; nor for the ſickneſs that deſtroyeth in the noon-day: But that with eaſe in our minds, and health in our bodies, we may ſerve thee cheerfully all the days of our life, thro' Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

A Prayer for a Perſon troubled in Mind or in Conſcience

O Bleſſed Lord, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comforts, we beſeech thee, look down in pity and compaſſion upon this thy afflicted ſervant. Thou writeſt bitter things againſt *him*, and makeſt *him* to poſſeſs *his* former iniquities. Thy wrath lieth hard upon *him*, and *his* ſoul is full of trouble. But, O merciful God, who haſt written thy holy word for our learning, that we thro' patience and comfort of thy holy ſcriptures might have hope, give *him* a right underſtanding of *himſelf*, and of thy threats and promiſes, that *he* may neither caſt away *his* confidence in thee, nor place it any where, but in thee. Give *him* ſtrength againſt all *his* temptations, and heal all *his* diſtempers. Break not the bruiſed reed, nor quench the ſmoaking flax. Shut not up thy tender mercies in diſpleaſure; but make *him* hear of joy and gladneſs, that the bones which thou haſt broken

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may rejoice. Deliver *him* from the fear of the enemy, and lift up the light of thy countenance upon *him*, and give *him* peace, thro' the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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A

BOOK OF DEVOTIONS,

THE THIRD PART,

Containing divers FORMS of DEVOTIONS, proper to be uſed by one ſingle Perſon in private.

Morning and Evening Devotions for Ordinary Days.

As ſoon as you awake in the Morning, lift up your Heart to God in one of theſe or the like Ejaculations.

BLESSED be God, for my preſervation this night. O that I may ſpend this day to the glory of God, and to the everlaſting advantage of my own ſoul.

Lord, be merciful unto me, and bleſs me; grant that this day I may fall into no ſin, neither run into any kind of danger, but let all my doings be ordered

by thy governance, to do always that which is righteous in thy ſight, thro' Jeſus Chriſt our Lord.

I laid me down and ſlept, and I awaked in ſafety, health, and peace, for the Lord ſuſtained me: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghoſt.

When you are dreſſed, retire as ſoon as you can conveniently, to ſome private place, and there with all humility and reverence, offer up to God your morning-ſacrifice of prayer and thankſgiving.

O HOLY, bleſſed and glorious trinity, three perſons and one God, have mercy upon me a miſerable ſinner.—Lord, I know not what to pray for as I ought; O let thy ſpirit help my infirmities, and enable me to offer up a ſpiritual ſacrifice acceptable to thee, through Jeſus Chriſt.

A peni-

A penitent confeſſion for Sins, and an humble ſupplication for Mercy.

ALMIGHTY and moſt merciful Father, who art of purer eyes than to behold iniquity; I deſire with all humility of ſoul, to proſtrate myſelf before thy divine majeſty, acknowledging and bewailing the manifold ſins and wickedneſs, which from time to time I have moſt grievouſly committed againſt thee in thought, word, and deed. I have neglected to do that good which thou haſt commanded, and I have done that evil which thou haſt expreſsly forbidden. The follies of my life have been many and great; my neglects, and omiſſions, and careleſs performances of religious duties, have been very frequent; my ſins of ignorance, and ſurprize, and infirmity, are more than I can number; and my wilful tranſgreſſions of thy holy and righteous laws have been often repeated, notwithſtanding all thy calls to, and my own purpoſes and vows of amendment. When I conſider this, I am juſtly afraid of thy judgments, and aſhamed to lift up mine eyes unto thee.

Lord, I am a very ſinful creature; but I do earneſtly repent, and am heartily ſorry for theſe my miſdoings. Have mercy upon me, have mercy upon me, O moſt merciful Father; for the Lord Jeſus Chriſt his ſake, forgive me all that is paſt; and grant, that I may ever hereafter ſerve and pleaſe thee in newneſs of life, to the glory of thy name, and the everlaſting advantage of my own ſoul, thro' the prevailing merits of the ſame Jeſus Chriſt my Saviour.

A Prayer for the gracious aſſiſtance of God's holy ſpirit to do better for the time to come.

TO this end, O Lord, I do moſt humbly beg the grace and aſſiſtance of thy holy ſpirit, that ſo I may reform and amend whatever has been amiſs in the temper and diſpoſition of my mind, or in any of the actions of my life. Grant me wiſdom and underſtanding to know my duty, and the heart and will to do it. Endue

due me, O Lord, with a true faith, a purifying hope, and an unfeigned love to thee and thy ways. Encreaſe in me the grace of patience, meekneſs, humility, and contentedneſs, that I may bear every condition with conſtancy and equality of mind. Purify my ſoul from all evil thoughts and inclinations, from all bad intentions and deſigns; make me diligent in every duty that does belong to me, temperate in my moſt lawful enjoyments, and watchful againſt all temptations and allurements to ſin. Deliver me, O Lord, from pride, vain glory, and hypocriſy; from envy, hatred and malice, and all uncharitableneſs; and diſpoſe my heart patiently to ſuffer reproaches and wrongs, and to be ready not only to forgive, but to return good for evil; and to live in every reſpect as it becomes a chriſtian, that ſo my heart may be a fit habitation for the holy ſpirit, and that by his divine influence I may be preſerved pure and blameleſs to the coming of our Lord Jeſus Chriſt. *Amen.*

An humble Interceſſion for all Mankind.

I Thine unworthy ſervant, deſire likewiſe to enlarge my petitions for the whole race of mankind; that thou wouldeſt be pleaſed to make thy way known upon earth, and thy ſaving health among all nations; and grant, that all thoſe who profeſs chriſtianity may live as becomes it. Let thy bleſſings deſcend upon all my relations. [*Here you may name ſuch relations, friends and enemies, as your circumſtances require.*] Grant them whatever thou ſeeſt neceſſary either for their ſouls or bodies. Reward all thoſe that have done me good, and pardon all thoſe that have done or wiſhed me evil, and grant both to them and me, and all other perſons, grace to repent of all our ſins. Be merciful to all thoſe that are any ways afflicted or diſtreſſed in mind, body, or eſtate, and adminiſter to every one according to their ſeveral neceſſities, that ſo their afflictions may tend to their everlaſting welfare; and this I beg for Jeſus Chriſt his ſake. *Amen.*

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A thankful acknowledgment of God's Mercies.

O Moſt bleſſed and glorious Lord God, thanks and praiſe be aſcribed to thee, for all the mercies which from time to time thou haſt beſtowed upon me; I thank thee for my creation and preſervation, for the uſe of my ſenſes and reaſon, and for all other comforts, neceſſaries, and conveniencies of life. But above all, I adore thy tender mercy and compaſſion to me and to all mankind, in ſending thy Son Jeſus Chriſt into the world, to redeem us from ſin, and to purchaſe eternal ſalvation for us. I bleſs thee, for the light of the glorious goſpel, and for the knowledge and ſenſe of my duty towards thee; for all the directions, aſſiſtances and comforts of thy holy ſpirit; and for all other mercies ghoſtly and bodily. And, good Lord, grant, that I may render thee not only the fruit of my lips, but the obedience of my life; that ſo, at the end of my days, I may be made a partaker of my hope, which is everlaſting ſalvation, thro' Jeſus Chriſt. *Amen.*

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For Preſervation in the Morning.

O Merciful God, by whoſe bounty alone it is, that I am brought to the beginning of this day; defend me in the ſame by thy mighty power, bleſs me in all my honeſt deſigns and undertakings; and grant, that this day I may fall into no ſin, nor run into any kind of danger, but that I may diligently apply myſelf to do all ſuch good works as thou haſt prepared for me to walk in theſe things, O Lord, and whatever elſe thou ſeeſt to be needful for me, mercifully vouchſafe to give me, for the ſake and merits of thy Son, Jeſus Chriſt my Lord.

For Preſervation in the Evening.

O Almighty Lord, and everlaſting God, into thy hands I commend myſelf, both ſoul and body, and all things that belong to me; mercifully be pleaſed to take care of me; keep me this night from all dangers and miſchiefs, and from every fearful and diſturbing thought, that ſo I may

may enjoy ſuch quiet and refreſhing ſleep as may fit me for the duties of the following day. And make me ever mindful, O Lord, of that time when I muſt lie down and ſleep in the duſt; and of that day when I muſt be raiſed again and called to an account for all that I do here upon earth, whether it be good or bad; and having this my laſt end always before me, grant that I may continually abound in a pious preparation for it, that ſo when my body ſhall lie down in its bed of darkneſs, my ſoul may paſs to the regions of light; through the merits and the mercies of Jeſus Chriſt:

In whoſe name and prevailing words, according to the fulleſt ſenſe and intention of them, I conclude theſe my imperfect prayers: *Our Father which art in Heaven, hallowed be thy Name; thy Kingdom come; thy Will be done in Earth, as in Heaven. Give us Day by Day our daily Bread; and forgive us our Treſpaſſes, as we forgive them that treſpaſs againſt us. And lead us not into Temptation, but deliver us from Evil. For thine is the Kingdom and the Power, and the Glory, for ever and ever.* Amen.

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SACRAMENTAL DEVOTIONS.

A Prayer for the divine aſſiſtance, in making preparation to receive the holy ſacrament; proper to be inſerted before the confeſſion in your private devotions, both at morning and evening that whole week.

ALmighty God, who of thy tender mercy, didſt give thine only Son Jeſus Chriſt, to ſuffer death upon the croſs, for the redemption of a ſinful world; I do moſt humbly beſeech thee, to have pity and compaſſion upon me; aſſiſt and accept of my weak endeavours to qualify myſelf for a worthy receiving of that holy ſacrament, which the bleſſed Jeſus did inſtitute for the perpetual remembrance of his death and ſufferings: Stir up, I beſeech thee, ſuch pious affections and diſpoſitions in my ſoul, and fill my mind with ſuch holy meditations as are ſuitable to this occaſion. Give me, O God, ſuch a due ſenſe of my ſins, and of the ſufferings of my bleſſed Saviour for them, as may affect my heart with

with a deep ſorrow for all the miſdoings and wickedneſs of my paſt life; and poſſeſs me with an eternal hatred and diſpleaſure againſt all unrighteouſneſs: And give me ſuch a meaſure of thy grace, as may effectually move me to love and live to thee, holy Jeſus, my bleſſed Saviour and Redeemer, that ſo I may be a well diſpoſed gueſt at this divine feaſt, this ſpiritual ſacrifice, which I hope ſhortly to partake of; that thou mayeſt bid me welcome to thy table; and that I may receive the ſacred pledges of thy love with ſuch a profound reverence and ardent devotion as may be for my comfort here, and ſalvation hereafter. *Amen.*

A Prayer

SACRAMENTAL DEVOTIONS.

A Prayer for the divine assistance, in making preparation to receive the holy sacrament; proper to be inserted before the confession in your private devotions, both at morning and evening that whole week.

ALmighty God, who of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ, to suffer death upon the cross, for the redemption of a sinful world; I do most humbly beseech thee, to have pity and compassion upon me; assist and accept of my weak endeavours to qualify myself for a worthy receiving of that holy sacrament, which the blessed Jesus did institute for the perpetual remembrance of his death and sufferings: Stir up, I beseech thee, such pious affections and dispositions in my soul, and fill my mind with such holy meditations as are suitable to this occasion. Give me, O God, such a due sense of my sins, and of the sufferings of my blessed Saviour for them, as may affect my heart with

with a deep ſorrow for all the miſdoings and wickedneſs of my paſt life; and poſſeſs me with an eternal hatred and diſpleaſure againſt all unrighteouſneſs: And give me ſuch a meaſure of thy grace, as may effectually move me to love and live to thee, holy Jeſus, my bleſſed Saviour and Redeemer, that ſo I may be a well diſpoſed gueſt at this divine feaſt, this ſpiritual ſacrifice, which I hope ſhortly to partake of; that thou mayeſt bid me welcome to thy table; and that I may receive the ſacred pledges of thy love with ſuch a profound reverence and ardent devotion as may be for my comfort here, and ſalvation hereafter. *Amen.*

A Prayer

A Prayer for due qualifications, and to be made a partaker of the bleſſings and benefits of the holy ſacrament, proper to be inſerted in your daily devotions (next after the prayer for the gracious aſſiſtance of God's holy ſpirit to do better for the time to come) the whole week before the communion.

AND that I may thus live in all holy converſation and godlineſs here upon earth, and be made everlaſtingly happy hereafter in heaven, I deſire and deſign [once more] to receive the bleſſed ſacrament: [*If you have never received the ſacrament, then leave out once more*] Aſſiſt me, O Lord, by thy divine grace, that I may do it with ſuch a due preparation of mind, and ſuch a holy diſpoſition of ſoul, as that I may be a meet gueſt at thy table, and a real partaker of all the bleſſings and benefits which are repreſented by the conſecrated bread and wine. Grant that I may not only commemorate the death and ſufferings of Chriſt, but let me alſo receive the pardon and forgiveneſs of all my ſins; and be confirmed and ſtrengthened in all goodneſs,

goodneſs, thro' faith in him, Jeſus, my merciful Redeemer, to whom, with the Father, and the Holy Ghoſt, be all honour and glory, for evermore. *Amen.*

A Prayer proper to be uſed ſome time before the receiving of the ſacrament by one who hath lived in a long neglect of this ordinance.

O LORD, thou lover of ſouls, who in great pity and compaſſion to mankind, haſt ſent thy Son Jeſus Chriſt into the world to be our Redeemer, by yielding a perfect conformity to all the divine law, and by the ſhedding of his own moſt precious blood for the remiſſion of our ſins; who did alſo inſtitute, and in his holy goſpel, command us to continue a perpetual memory of that his precious death, until his coming again, by a ſacramental eating and drinking of bread and wine: Pardon me, I moſt humbly beſeech thee, O moſt merciful Father; pardon

don me, for having been ſo much and ſo long inſenſible of the wonderful love of Chriſt my Saviour, and ſo extremely backward and negligent in obeying this his laſt and dying commandment. O merciful Jeſus, I am ſorry, heartily ſorry, to think how wicked and unwiſe I have been in keeping away ſo many years from thy holy table, notwithſtanding all the ſolemn invitations I have had, and the moving arguments I have heard, to come and feed upon the banquet of thy moſt heavenly food. It grieves me to conſider how little I have regarded the calls and checks of my own conſcience, which by the influence of thy holy ſpirit, I have frequently felt, when I have been bidden *in the name of God*, and beſeeched *for the Lord Jeſus Chriſt his ſake*, and exhorted *as I love my own ſalvation*, to be a partaker of thy holy communion. I am very ſenſible, O God, that I do moſt juſtly deſerve thy wrath; but O thou, whoſe nature and property is ever to have mercy and to forgive, impute not this wickedneſs unto me; but pardon, O Lord, pardon this *great ſin*. And accept of thoſe pious reſolutions and good intentions which are now wrought in me,

to be careful and conſtant in the practice of my duty for the future. O enable me, by thy grace, to perform effectually what now I heartily deſign; confirm and ſtrengthen me in theſe good purpoſes, that I may never hereafter fall back to my former negligence and irreligion, but readily embrace every proper opportunity of expreſſing my love to the bleſſed Jeſus, by receiving of the holy communion. Make me ſenſible, O God, of the many and great obligations I am under, to *Do this in remembrance of my dear Redeemer*; give me a due ſenſe of what Chriſt has done and ſuffered to ſave ſinners, and of the great end and deſign for which this ſacrament was inſtituted, that ſo the love of God, and the dear regard which I have to my own ſoul, may effectually engage me to be a conſtant communicant. O Jeſus! great fountain of all goodneſs, hear my prayers; Lord, aſſiſt me, by thy divine grace, to receive this holy ſacrament in a worthy manner, that ſo I may have my pardon ſealed, my corruptions ſubdued, the goodneſs which is begun in me confirmed and increaſed, and my heart ſo inſeparably united to thee, my God, that

no temptations may be able to withdraw me from my duty, but that I may ſpend the remainder of my days in thy faith and fear, and at the end of them die in thy favour, and after death be made partaker of eternal life, through Jeſus Chriſt my Lord and only Saviour; to whom, with thee, and the Holy Ghoſt, three perſons, but one God, be all honour and praiſe, for evermore. *Amen.*

A Prayer proper to be uſed by one that deſires to receive the holy ſacrament, but is afraid of being an unworthy communicant.

O MY compaſſionate Saviour! Thou great lover of mankind, have pity and compaſſion upon me. Behold me, O Lord, with thy wonted mercy, and remove thoſe doubts and fears by which I am diſcouraged and afraid to receive the holy communion. I tremble to conſider, that he who eateth and drinketh unworthily is guilty of the death of Chriſt, and eateth

eateth and drinketh his own damnation. And I am alſo full of perplexity and horror, to think of living in the neglect of this ſacred ordinance, contrary to the expreſs command of the bleſſed Jeſus. Dear Lord! Great friend of immortal ſouls, be thou my guide and my councellor in this weighty affair, in which danger and death threaten me on either hand. I fly to thee, O my God, and inſtead of conſulting with fleſh and blood, or hearkening to the deceitful inſinuations of my too raſh or too timorous reaſon, I earneſtly beg thy divine aſſiſtance in this great difficulty and diſtreſs. Teach me, O Lord, teach me, I beſeech thee, the right way to ſafety and peace; and direct me in ſuch methods of holy preparation, as may be proper and ſuitable to ſo exalted an act of religion. I am fully perſuaded, O dear Jeſus, that theſe approaches to thee in the bleſſed ſacrament are exceeding beneficial and delightful to ſuch perſons as are duly qualified to receive the ſame: O enable me, by thy gracious aſſiſtance, to become one of that happy number. Make me deeply ſenſible of the great mercy of Chriſt in ordaining this holy myſtery, and in calling the penitent to come and partake of it as

a pledge of his favour and goodneſs towards them; and a means to confirm and ſtrengthen them in the practice of holineſs and alſo to aſſure them of everlaſting ſalvation, thro' the merits of his moſt precious death and paſſion. O merciful Jeſus, give me that repentance, and faith, and love which may make me a worthy receiver of thoſe extraordinary benefits. Settle in me a perfect hatred of every thing that is evil, an unfeigned love to every thing that is good; and make me altogether as fearful to live in the neglect of coming to this holy communion, as to receive the ſame, without a due preparation of heart. Free me, O God, from all unreaſonable ſcruples, doubts and fears; and make me fully ſenſible, that the danger of unworthy receiving does only concern the obſtinately wicked; and that no ſin can hurt me, or render me an unworthy partaker of thoſe holy myſteries, when once it is confeſſed and truly and heartily repented of. Lord, I do moſt unfeignedly bewail and deteſt all my wickedneſs; and by thy grace, I will never be guilty of the like again. Lord, pardon, Lord, forgive me; be merciful to my unrighteouſneſs, and remember my

ſins and mine iniquities no more; but put thy laws in my heart, and write them in my mind; and, by the power of thy grace, diſpoſe my ſoul to a ſincere and a conſtant obedience. And when ever I am ſo unhappy as to break thy laws, help me ſpeedily to recover myſelf again by a ſerious repentance and renewed vows of greater care and diligence for the future; that ſo I may always be a proper object for the divine mercy and forgiveneſs. Laſtly, O Lord, I do again beg of thee, to free me from all unreaſonable fear about receiving this holy ſacrament, and make me an acceptable gueſt at thy table; that I may not eat and drink to the diſadvantage of my own ſoul, but that I may have my pardon ſealed, my weakneſs repaired, my corruptions ſubdued, and my heart ſo inſeparably united to thee, that no temptations may ever be able to diſſolve the union; but that being begun in grace, it may be perfected in glory. Lord, I do earneſtly aſk, and humbly hope for, all this; becauſe I infinitely need it, and becauſe thou art infinitely ready to hear the penitent, and willing to anſwer their pious petitions; and if I am not ſo truly and heartily ſorry for my miſdoings, as I ought to

be, good Lord, make me ſo; for the ſake and merits of thy dear Son Jeſus, my Saviour, to whom with thee, and the Holy Ghoſt, be all honour and glory, both now and for evermore. *Amen.*

A Prayer for the morning before the receiving of the holy ſacrament, and proper to be uſed at any other time of your preparation.

O Eternal and ever-bleſſed Lord God, the father of mercies and fountain of all good; I bow myſelf before thee, and humbly worſhip thine unſpeakable majeſty, who art infinite in power, and wiſdom, and love, and all other divine excellencies: Thou art my Creator, and Lord, and Owner, my dear Saviour, and conſtant Benefactor: To love thee heartily, and to ſerve thee truly and ſincerely, is my greateſt duty and my greateſt intereſt. But, alas! Lord, with ſhame I confeſs it, inſtead of loving and ſerving thee, I have lived in ſin and vanity, I have been guilty of a great many provocations againſt thy divine majeſty. [*Here you may mention particulars*] And the very beſt of my religious

ligious performances have been extremely defective. But, Lord, I do earneſtly repent, and am heartily ſorry for all my miſdoings, the remembrance of them is grievous to me. O have mercy upon me, have mercy upon me; and for the Lord Jeſus Chriſt his ſake, forgive me all that is paſt, and thoroughly renew and change my mind, and will, and affections. O enable me to love thee more, and to ſerve thee better than ever I have yet done: Good Lord, let this be the effect of my receiving the ſacrament; for where ſhall my polluted ſoul be waſhed, if not in that fountain which thou haſt opened for ſin, and for uncleanneſs? Thou haſt promiſed, O God, that he who cometh to thee, thou wilt in no wiſe caſt off; I come, O Lord, as well as I am able, earneſtly begging the pardon of my ſins, and the acceptance of my unworthy perſon, for the ſake and worthineſs of the holy Jeſus. O look mercifully upon my infirmities; and deal bountifully with me, as thou uſeſt to do to thoſe that love thy name. Let the receiving of the holy ſacrament be very profitable to me; let the good which is begun in me be ſtrengthened and improved by

it, and all my evil and corrupt affections weakened and deſtroyed. Lord, grant that in theſe holy myſteries, I may not only commemorate, but effectually receive my bleſſed Saviour, and all the benefits of his meritorious paſſion; and be enabled thereby to live better for the time to come, and faithfully to perform my pious reſolutions. Dear Jeſus, I would gladly remember thy dying love, with the moſt devout affections; I am weary of my ſins; and do earneſtly beg thy grace, to enable me to ſeal a laſting covenant of repentance and reconciliation with thee. All this I deſire to do, and to do it fervently: Lord, ſtrengthen my deſires and ſupply my defects, that ſo I may be a meet partaker of this holy communion. Dear Jeſus, quicken and inflame my dull affections: Fix my mind and heart upon the ineſtimable benefits which thou haſt purchaſed for me, that I may commemorate thy dying love with a profound reverence and thankfulneſs of heart, and approach this holy oridinance, with ſuch humility and contrition, and with ſuch love and devotion, that thou mayeſt vouchſafe to come unto me, and make me a partaker of thy merits;

merits; that ſo, being filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, I may entirely ſubmit myſelf to thy holy will and pleaſure, and ſtudy to ſerve thee truly, in holineſs and righteouſneſs all the days, and in all the actions of my life: and, after death, be made partaker of immortal happineſs in heaven. Good God, hear theſe my prayers, forgive the ſin and imperfection they are attended with, and grant, that thoſe things which I have faithfully aſked, according to thy will, may effectually be obtained, to my comfort, and to thy glory, through the merits and the mercies of the compaſſionate Jeſus, in whoſe holy name and words I further call upon thee, for myſelf and others, ſaying,

Our Father which art in Heaven, hallowed be thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy Will be done in Earth, as it is in Heaven. Give us Day by Day our daily Bread. And forgive us our treſpaſſes, as we forgive them that treſpaſs againſt us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the Kingdom, the Power, and the Glory, for ever and ever.—Amen.

The Manner of receiving the HOLY COMMUNION.

The ſermon being ended, kneel down, and with the greateſt humility and devotion, lift up your hearts to heaven, and ſay,

O MY bleſſed Redeemer! Great lover of immortal ſouls! Look down in much pity and compaſſion upon me, a miſerable ſinner, and receive me graciouſly at thy holy table. Prevent me, I moſt humbly beſeech thee, with the bleſſings and graces of thy divine ſpirit, that I may taſte thy ſweetneſs, and approach this precious feaſt, with ſuch reverence and zeal and fervent devotion, as thou wilt be pleaſed to accept. O, my compaſſionate Saviour, viſit me with thy ſalvation, that I may vigorouſly apply myſelf to a faithful diſcharge of my duty in every part of this holy ordinance. I am ſenſible, O God, that I can't be altogether free from defects and infirmities; but I beg, that thou wouldeſt accept of my ſincere endeavours: O ſtrengthen my weakneſs, ſupply my defects,

fects, inflame my zeal, and, where I can't attain to what I ought, accept of what I do, for what I would do, if I were able. Good Lord, pardon the poor and imperfect preparation I have made, to come to this divine banquet; O that I was more worthy: But ſince through the frailties and infirmities of my nature I can do no good thing without thee, do thou, O deareſt, kindeſt Jeſus, make me ſuch by thy worthineſs. Lord, renew my repentance, confirm my faith, perfect my charity, increaſe my knowledge, and quicken my devotion. Meet me, I beſeech thee, merciful Jeſus! Meet me I beſeech thee, in this ſacred feſtival, with a free and a full pardon of all my ſins; and give me a lively hope in thy promiſes, a hearty love to my fellow-chriſtians, and a ſincere thankfulneſs for this opportunity of receiving the bleſſed ſacrament. And theſe things which I beg for myſelf, I do alſo moſt humbly pray thee to give to every one elſe that is about to receive this holy communion. O that the outward and viſible ſigns of our Saviour's death, may convey to every one of us all thoſe inward and ſpiritual graces

which were purchaſed by the ſhedding of his moſt precious blood: That we may be confirmed in all goodneſs, and every day grow better and better, till we have finiſhed our courſe here upon earth, and at length are mercifully tranſlated to the heavenly glory, there to receive the everlaſting rewards of well-doing, through the prevailing merits of our Lord and Saviour Jeſus Chriſt. *Amen.*

When you ſee the miniſter going to officiate at the Lord's table, ſay,

O Bleſſed Jeſus! O compaſſionate Saviour! Thanks and praiſe be aſcribed to thee, for all that thou haſt done and ſuffered to ſave ſinners: and particularly for inſtituting a ſtanding order of men in thy church, to put us in mind of our duty, and of thy love, and of the manifold means, and motives, and arguments, which thou haſt directed them to uſe, to make us ſenſible of our everlaſting intereſt, and to engage us in a ſerious preparation for death, and judgment, and eternity.

When

When the miniſter begins to read the ſentences of ſcripture, and the collection for pious uſes is in making, ſay,

LORD, grant that every one of us, according to his ability may be ready to give, and glad to contribute, laying up for ouſelves a good foundation againſt the time to come, that we may attain eternal life.

Or thus:

GOOD Lord, look mercifully upon us, and let every one of our prayers, together with our alms and oblations, come up for a memorial before thy divine majeſty.

When you are making your offering, if it be for pious uſes in general, ſay,

LORD, to thee, and for thy ſake, (to whom I am indebted for all that I have) I give this——Graciouſly be pleaſed to accept it from thy unworthy ſervant.

A Prayer proper to be uſed when you contribute any thing towards the ſupport of religion. If the offerings be for the uſe of the miniſter, ſay,

DEAR Jeſus! It is thy will and precept, that thoſe who preach the goſpel ſhould live of the goſpel; for thy ſake therefore, and in obedience to thy law, I give this——towards the maintenance of thy worſhip, and the ſupport of thy miniſter in this place.

If the offerings are to be employed towards the augmenting of any poor benefice, which is a truly pious and a neceſſary way of diſpoſing our charity, (there being above two thouſand pariſhes in England,) where (by reaſon of ſacrilegious impropriations, the miniſter's allowance is very mean, in many places not above eight or ten pounds a year) ſay thus,

LORD, I abhor the abominable ſin of ſacrilege; let neither me, nor any that belong to me, be at any time guilty of

of it. Suffer not that curſe to befal the nation which this wickendeſs does moſt juſtly deſerve: Incline the hearts of our governors to reſtore unto thee the maintenance of thy miniſters: and let all other perſons, according to their different abilities, chearfully and liberally promote this ſo pious a work. Lord, I give this—— towards the reſtoration of ſomething which has been unduly taken, [*See the whole duty of man, Sunday the ſecond, p.* 42.] and is wickedly with held from thy ſervice, vouchſafe to receive it of me, for the ſupport of thy miniſters and the maintenance of religion.

When

When the miniſter proceeds to the prayer, For the whole ſtate of Chriſt's church militant here on earth, *leave your private devotions, and join heartily with him, and attend diligently to the following exhortation and invitation to the holy communion*; *and at his pronouncing of theſe words*, Draw near with faith, and take this holy ſacrament to your comfort, *ſay*,

I Come, dear Jeſus, as well as I am able; O pardon my unpreparedneſs; receive me graciouſly, and love me freely.

Or thus:

LORD, I draw near, I come to receive this holy ſacrament, as I would approach to the throne of thy divine majeſty, with all reverence and humility, with a deep ſenſe of my own unworthineſs, and earneſtly begging for pardon and forgiveneſs.

Then

Then join heartily, ſincerely, and devoutly, with the miniſter in the general confeſſion, (Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jeſus Chriſt, *&c.*) *and at the end of it ſay,*

LORD, here I renounce my ſins, and renew my vows and promiſes of living as becomes a chriſtian: Good God, aſſiſt me by thy grace, that I may faithfully perform what I now promiſe.

When the abſolution is pronounced, receive it with all thankfulneſs and joy; and with an audible voice ſay Amen, *after theſe words,*

ALmighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promiſed forgiveneſs of ſin to all them that with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him; have mercy upon you; *Amen.* Pardon and deliver you from all your ſins; *Amen.* Confirm and ſtrengthen you in all goodneſs; *Amen.* And bring you to everlaſting

laſting life, thro' Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

Then diligently attend to the comfortable words of our Saviour and his apoſtles, to ſuch as are truly penitent, and at the end of them ſay,

LORD, grant me a truly contrite and devout heart, and let the conſideration of thine infinite kindneſs, O my dear Saviour, move me to love and ſerve thee truly and ſincerely all the remainder of my days.

Then rouſe up your affection, Lift up your heart, *(as the miniſter exhorts you) to bleſs and praiſe God for his unſpeakable love to mankind. And after that join heartily in that excellent prayer,* We do not preſume to come to this thy table, *&c. And when this prayer is ended, diligently attend to the conſecration of the bread and wine, according to the inſtitution of Chriſt our Saviour; and when you come to theſe words in it,* May be partakers of his moſt bleſſed body and blood, *ſay ſecretly to yourſelf,* Amen.

At the concluſion of this prayer, which is in theſe words, Do this, *as often as you drink it,* in remembrance of me, *ſay,*

O The riches of the mercy of Chriſt! O the ſurprizing myſtery of the redemption of loſt ſinners! O bleſſed redeemer, teach me to remember thee in ſome meaſure as I ought. Let thy love to the ſouls of men be often in my mind; but now enable me to do it in a more ſolemn and extraordinary manner. Dear Jeſus, help me ſo to remember thee, as it becomes one that is redeemed by thy moſt precious blood, and regenerated by thy holy ſpirit; that I may feel all the powers of my ſoul quickened and zealouſly inclined to do thy will, according to the beſt of my knowledge, all the remainder of my life, that after death I may live with thee for evermore. *Amen.*

When

When the miniſter himſelf communicates, pray heartily for him.

THE Lord mercifully look upon thee, and hear thee. Grant thee thy hearts deſire, and fulfill all thy mind. The good Lord aſſiſt thee in this holy ordinance. And let thy prayers and ſupplications both for thyſelf and us and the univerſal church, which are offered up according to the will of God, be effectually obtained, to the relief of our neceſſities, and the ſetting forth of his glory, thro' Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

Whilſt the miniſter is coming to you with the conſecrated bread, ſay,

HOLY, holy, holy Lord God Almighty, I am not worthy of the leaſt of all thy mercies, much leſs to be a partaker of this bleſſed ſacrament, the greateſt pledge of the greateſt mercy that ever was beſtowed upon the ſons of men. O help

O help me to ſupply in humility what I want in worthineſs; to ſupply in ſorrow for ſin, what I want in holineſs of life: O compaſſionate Jeſus! my dear Saviour, ſupply with thy merits all that is wanting in me; that this holy ordinance may be to the everlaſting advantage of my precious and immortal ſoul, *Amen*, bleſſed Redeemer, *Amen*.

When the holy bread is offered to you, join heartily with the miniſter in that ſhort but moſt excellent prayer.

THE body of our Lord Jeſus Chriſt, which was given for me, preſerve my body and ſoul unto everlaſting life.

Then anſwer with an audible voice, Amen.

Whilſt you are eating it, think thus with yourſelf.

DEAR Jeſus, I eat this in remembrance of what thou haſt done and ſuffered to ſave ſinners; and by this action dedicate

dedicate myſelf to thee and thy ſervice; I vow and reſolve, by thy grace and aſſiſtance, to continue in the practice of holineſs all the days of my life.

After this you may alſo ſay.

O THE inconceivable love of God! Deareſt, ſweeteſt, kindeſt Jeſus, what manner of love is this that thou haſt ſhewed to a world of ſinners.

Greater love than this hath no man, that a man lay down his life for his friend. But herein God hath commended his love to us, that whilſt we were enemies, he gave his Son to die for us.

Lord, how ſhall I thank thee as I ought, or what requital can I make for this thy wonderful condeſcenſion and kindneſs!

Good God, how vaſtly am I indebted to thy bounty! I ſinful creature, whom thou haſt redeemed with ſo precious a ranſom, ſaved with ſo noble a gift, and honoured with ſo high a privilege as to eat at thy table! What fear, and reverence, and love, what thanks, and praiſe, and glory, ought I to

I to pay to thee, my God and gracious Redeemer, who haſt thus loved, thus pitied, and thus purchaſed eternal ſalvation for me.

I implore thy mercy, O moſt tender lover of mankind; I beg of thee to give me grace worthily and conſtantly to magnify thy moſt glorious name, with a deep remorſe and a godly ſorrow for my ſins paſt, with a profound reverence and full reſolution of leading a better life for the future.

Holy Jeſus, deareſt Lord, I am deeply ſenſible of the manifold and great obligations that I have to love thee; but ſenſible with all, that this obligation can never be diſcharged, without the aſſiſtance of thy grace. O draw me, that I may run after thee; knit my heart to thee, that I may love thy name, and live to thy glory; and after death, be glorified with thee, dear Jeſus, for evermore. *Amen.*

Before the receiving this cup, ſay,

WHAT ſhall I render to the Lord for all his benefits? I will take the cup of ſalvation, and call upon the name of

of the merciful Jeſus. Lord, let thy precious blood purge my conſcience from dead works. Lord, I will obey and ſerve thee better than I have yet done; I vow and promiſe to live as it becomes a chriſtian; O confirm and ſtrengthen me. Let the ſacramental wine, which I am about to receive, convey to me freſh ſupplies of grace, and a full pardon of my ſins; and this I truſt it will do, thro' the merits and the mercies of thee, dear Jeſus, my Saviour and Redeemer.

When the cup of bleſſing is offered you, ſay in your heart with the greateſt zeal and devotion that poſſibly you can,

THE blood of our Lord Jeſus Chriſt, which was ſhed for me, preſerve my body and ſoul unto everlaſting life.

Anſwering audibly, Amen.

As you drink it, ſay in your heart,

LORD Jeſus, dear Saviour, ſeal to me the pardon and forgiveneſs of all my ſins, and confirm and ſtrengthen me in all goodneſs. *And*

And you may add,

BLESSED be God for this unſpeakable gift: Thanks be to thee, holy Jeſus, for the inſtitution of this ſacred ordinance, which does at once repreſent and commemorate thy dying love to the ſouls of men; and alſo convey thy graces, and merits, and pardon, to every worthy receiver! Thanks be to thy name, O my Saviour, for this unſpeakable favour.

Praiſe the Lord, O my ſoul, and forget not any of his benefits: Thanks be to thee, dear Jeſus, who haſt redeemed my life from death. O that I may live as one of thy redeemed ones. Teach me, good Lord, teach me ſo to walk, that I may never be a diſgrace to the chriſtian religion, nor break thoſe holy vows which I have this day made and ſealed, by receiving of the ſacramental bread and wine. Teach me ſo to live, that I may never loſe my right of inheritance, my privilege of being a co-heir with Chriſt: But, O Lord, love me with the love of a father and a brother, a huſband and a Lord; and enable me to ſerve thee in the communion of ſaints, in receiving the ſacrament often, in the

the practice of all holy virtues, in the imitation of thy life, in conformity to thy sufferings, if need be; dear Jesus, who didst lay down thy life to save sinners, that they might come into thy glorious kingdom, thro' Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Prayer to be said after receiving the sacrament.

I Have done, O Lord, as thou hast commanded me, and let thy name be for ever blessed; O let me find the great benefits of this thy divine institution; pour down thy graces upon me, direct my goings in thy way, and enable me by the power and strength of this divine food, to persevere in the practice of a holy and religious life, even to the last moment of my days; be thou my peace and refuge, and let my pleasure and safety depend on thee; be thou my portion and greatest treasure, and let my eternal happiness be fixed in the enjoyment of thee, who didst vouchsafe not only to take our nature upon thee, that thou mightest die for our sins, but hast left us a perpetual memorial thereof in this holy sacrament. *Amen.*

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